

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.4 – Funding for higher education

#### **DEST Question No. E723\_04**

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing

#### **Question:**

What amount do you estimate would have been spent per annum under the *HEFA 1988* in the years 2005 – 2008 inclusive, in the absence of the Higher Education Support Act 2003?

#### **Answer:**

*Higher Education Funding Act 1988*

The latest published estimate of expenditure beyond the 2004 year appears in the Higher Education Report for the 2003 to 2005 Triennium (page 52). The amount of \$6.576 billion is in 2003 price levels. Estimates beyond 2005 would be meaningless given the major reforms to higher education funding recently announced by the Government.