

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. E873_04

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing

Question:

The Triennium Report states (p.97) that '*in 2004, allocations will be determined in accordance with the Commonwealth Scholarship Guidelines of the new HESA... Allocations will be confirmed once the Guidelines are finalised*'. These Guidelines were released in draft form in November 2003, and have not been released in final form since, despite being expected in 'early 2004'.

When will the Government release the final guidelines and put them before the Parliament?

Answer:

Release of Guidelines

The Guidelines were finalised on 24 February 2004, sent to universities on 26 February 2004 and came into effect on 1 March 2004. The Guidelines were tabled in the House of Representatives on 2 March 2004 and in the Senate on 3 March 2004.