EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.5 – Assistance for post school students including those with special

needs

DEST Question No. E046_04

Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003

Question:

The medical course at Griffith University will be graduate entry. Will students in that course have to pay full fees once their five year Learning Entitlement runs out or will these students be an exceptional category, where more than five years of Learning entitlement is accorded to them?

Answer:

Learning entitlement

The Learning Entitlement provides students in a Commonwealth supported place with the equivalent of five years of full time study and may be extended beyond five years to support students who are undertaking an initial undergraduate course or pathway in which the normal enrolment period is longer than five years (for example medicine at undergraduate or graduate degree levels or double degree with honours). The circumstances in which the 5 year Learning Entitlement may be extended are yet to be settled in detail.