## **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. E131\_04** 

Senator Crossin asked on 3 June 2003. EWRE Hansard page 267

## Question:

Just because they are classified as post-secondary does not make them inconsistent with any Abstudy guidelines or their policy manual?

## Answer:

Classification of enabling courses under ABSTUDY

Enabling courses are classified as secondary courses, as they are courses which prepare students for higher education. Depending on the student's financial circumstances, an Indigenous student undertaking an enabling course full-time would be eligible for the ABSTUDY Living Allowance, Rent Assistance if renting privately, assistance with fares if the student is approved to live away from home and the Incidentals Allowance if aged 18 years or more.