

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 Funding for higher education

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Senator Harradine asked on 5 June 2003

Question:

The *Our Universities* document states that Higher Education Equity Program allocations will be available to universities that "run an outreach program to attract equity group students to higher education".

- a) Which universities offer such a program?
- b) Which universities are considered to offer leading programs and please provide copies of any documents which detail these programs?
- c) Does the University of Tasmania run such programs and if so, please provide details?

Answer:

Universities' Outreach Programs

- a) Most, if not all, universities would offer outreach or promotional programs of some sort.
- b) The Department does not rate universities' outreach programs or other equity initiatives.
- c) The University of Tasmania's Equity Plan for the 2003-2005 Triennium lists a number of programs directed at schools, including: the "Adopt a Professor Program" with Brooks High School; parent evenings with Exeter, New Norfolk, Ulverstone, Sheffield, Mountain Heights (Queenstown) and St Helens High Schools and subsequent student visits to the campus; tertiary awareness sessions at Geeveston High School and Reece High School in 2001; appointment of a Tertiary Awareness Program project officer at the North-West Centre to maintain a focus on rural and isolated student recruitment; implementation of the 'WOW' programme, which is aimed at senior secondary schools with a particular emphasis on women studying in non-traditional areas such as engineering.

The University of Tasmania's equity plan is available on the University's website:
http://student.admin.utas.edu.au/services/Equity_Plan/Text/index.htm.

More information about student equity at the University of Tasmania is available at: <http://student.admin.utas.edu.au/services/equity/initiatives/overview.html>.