

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

DEST Question No. E323_04

Senator Harradine asked on 5 June 2003

Question:

What proportion of university students were on full Commonwealth scholarships in 1971, prior to the Whitlam Government?

Answer:

Recipients of Commonwealth Scholarships in 1971

In 1971 this information was collected by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), not by the predecessor of this Department.

The ABS has advised that it does not have any electronic data for this period. This question would require extensive library research targeting the statistical publications and annual reports of universities operating in the period. The data recorded in these publications are not consistent and could only be used as a base for extrapolating an answer to Senator Harradine's question.