

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome: 2

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

DEST Question E035_05

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

Why do tertiary ABSTUDY allocations reduce by \$11 million from 2006-07 to 2007-08, as shown in the forward estimates?

Answer:

Tertiary ABSTUDY allocations

The forward estimate for Tertiary ABSTUDY for 2007-2008 in the Portfolio Budget Statements 2004-05 is understated. The forward estimate for Tertiary ABSTUDY for 2007-2008 is \$91,255,000.