

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

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Senator Carr asked on 2 June 2005, EWRE Hansard page 72.

Question:

Has any other University been offered funding from that [Advances] resource?

Answer:

Advances

The University of Newcastle is the only institution that has received an advance from the \$25 million pool for special purpose advances (section 33-40 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*) in 2005. It received a \$10 million advance that will be repaid by reductions in Commonwealth Grant Scheme funding of \$2 million in 2006, \$3 million in 2007 and \$5 million in 2008. It also received an advance of \$15 million in 2005 under the general advances provision (section 164-10) of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* to be deducted from future grants for 2006.

Since 2001, four other universities have had access to advances. Deakin University was advanced \$3.5 million in 2002, The University of Adelaide was advanced \$10 million in 2002, The University of New England was advanced \$2 million in 2002 and \$3.5 million in 2003 and RMIT University was advanced \$7.5 million in 2003.