

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E309_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

- a) Has DEST seen the paper presented by Professor Marginson to the John Curtin Institute of Public Policy on 26 May 2005 or the reporting on the paper in HES on 25 May?
- b) He claims that the expansion of full fee-paying local degrees and FEE-HELP will draw students further into the more established institutions. Does DEST believe there will be differences in the abilities of universities to attract domestic fee-payers?

Answer:

Differences in the abilities of universities to attract fee-paying students

- a) Yes.
- b) This will depend on the operation of the market as it develops over time.