

## 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. E361\_06**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

*Carnegie Mellon University*

a) If this University goes ahead, will the Government consider listing it with the other private universities on Table B of HESA?

b) What will be taken into account in making that decision? What standards and criteria will Carnegie Mellon need to meet? Please be specific?

#### **Answer:**

*Carnegie Mellon*

a) No.

b) Amendments to the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA) currently before Parliament provide for a new category of overseas higher education providers (to be listed on Table C). These amendments provide for limited Australian government assistance to the Australian branch of Carnegie Mellon University by enabling CMU's eligible Australian students to obtain FEE-HELP assistance. Table C providers will have to meet the same requirements as Table A and B providers and will be subject to the same stringent quality and accountability requirements in respect of their Australian operations.