

**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. E409\_06**

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

**Question:**

Does the department have a view as to the desirability of the continuation of the dominance of the public university model of higher education in Australia?

**Answer:**

*Public University Model of Higher Education*

The Australian Government's view is that there is a need for greater diversity in the higher education sector and in March 2005 the Minister released a discussion paper, *Building University Diversity: Future approval and accreditation processes for Australian higher education*, to further discuss these issues.