

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. E419_06

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

Question:

In response E820_05 part (d) you stated that the Commonwealth will monitor National Priorities on an ongoing basis. How is this monitoring conducted? What are the processes involved? Will any of this be reported publicly?

Answer:

National Priorities

Part (e) of the response to E820_05 referred to the evaluation of *Backing Australia's Future*. In relation to the allocation of new places in the National Priority areas, the Government will consider, among other things, the take-up of the places allocated to date in considering the designation of National Priority areas for future allocations of growth places. Monitoring of the take-up occurs through analysis of higher education providers' student data, which are published.