

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.4 - Funding for Higher Education

**DEST Question No.** E662\_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

**Question:**

***Refers to DEST question number E315-06***

Please update answer, in the same file formats, to question E315\_06 with latest available data.

**Answer:**

*Outstanding HECS debt by gender, postcode and Federal Electorate*

1) and 2) The answer is provided at Attachment A.

3) and 4) Data cannot be extracted by Federal Electorate.

Notes:

- Data has been provided by the Australian Taxation Office and is current as at 30 June 2006. Due to a change in reporting requirements, this information does not include debts incurred in the first half of 2006.
- The data is based on the residential address postcode of each client. If the residential address postcode is blank or invalid, then the postal address postcode is used.
- 'Other' clients include those overseas or where the postal address is invalid or incomplete.
- Address data is based on the latest information provided to the Tax Office by the taxpayer or their agent and may no longer be current.
- There is a small variance in the data provided in this response compared with DEST Question No E082\_07 due to the extraction of data at different times.
- As some of the information pertains to very small subpopulations, it is inappropriate to provide information in respect of certain postcodes. In these postcodes, the information is provided on a State/Territory basis to ensure the confidentiality of the relevant individuals and to avoid an unreasonable disclosure of their personal information. This is consistent with the Australian Bureau of Statistics policy for the release of data for such small respondent groups.