

**Response to letters from Senator Pratt
Information of interest for Senate Estimates**

Outcome 2 – Higher Education, Research and International

1: Data on higher education student applications, offers and enrolments by institution of study for undergraduate domestic students and international students in semester 1, 2021. (Letter 1)

See [Attachment A](#).

2: Data on the number of domestic undergraduate students enrolled in Table A universities by Federal electorate, for the most recent year data is available (for both commencing enrolments and total enrolments). (Letter 1)

See [Attachment A](#).

3: The cost of funding guarantees made as part of the Higher Education Relief Package. (Letter 1)

As part of the Higher Education Relief Package Commonwealth Grant Scheme (CGS) and HELP funding streams for higher education providers were guaranteed for 2020, irrespective of enrolments. Together, these two funding streams were worth over \$14 billion, ensuring the higher education sector received over \$18 billion in 2020.

The CGS has been guaranteed through the Higher Education Relief Program, established under the Other Grants Guidelines. Through this program, upon reconciliation of CGS payments for 2020 against actual enrolments, providers will receive funding to ensure they receive their full Maximum Basic Grant Amount (MBGA), irrespective of enrolments.

The Government committed to maintaining HELP advances in 2020, with any repayments required for over-payment due to lower than anticipated enrolments subject to an eight year repayment period.

While the final cost of this guarantee will be determined once enrolment data for 2020 is verified, it is anticipated that this will be low as many universities found that their enrolments were maintained.

4: Updated participant numbers on the Government's JobMaker program. (Letter 3)

The JobMaker Plan, as announced in the 2020–21 Budget, was the Australian Government's whole-of-government plan for economic recovery and to build future prosperity for the nation. The department was the lead for several elements in the plan, including items across outcomes 2, 3 and 4 relating to higher education, skills and employment with further detail available as part of the appearance of those outcomes at the hearing. Questions regarding the plan as a whole should be directed to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and questions on specific elements to the relevant lead agency.

5: Updated budget spending on the Government's Jobmaker program. (Letter 3)

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Data on higher education student applications, offers and enrolments by institution of study for undergraduate domestic students and international students in semester 1, 2021.

Undergraduate applications and offers, 2021

	Applications	Offers
Australian Catholic University	12,841	8,467
Charles Darwin University	3,756	2,557
Charles Sturt University	10,528	8,761
CQUniversity	8,514	7,595
Curtin University of Technology	11,861	9,561
Deakin University	14,111	11,457
Edith Cowan University	7,195	5,374
Federation University of Australia	2,866	2,622
Flinders University of South Australia	6,626	5,622
Griffith University	13,838	11,508
James Cook University	4,946	3,567
La Trobe University	7,182	6,762
Macquarie University	8,140	7,622
Monash University	14,694	10,201
Murdoch University	6,359	4,249
Queensland University of Technology	13,172	10,973
RMIT University	15,608	11,478
Southern Cross University	6,317	4,932
Swinburne University of Technology	7,140	5,634
The Australian National University	8,273	6,334
The University of Adelaide	7,681	6,157
The University of Melbourne	10,078	7,250
The University of New England	5,443	5,395
The University of Newcastle	10,147	8,892
The University of Notre Dame Australia	2,981	2,143
The University of Queensland	11,447	8,386
The University of Sydney	11,300	6,761
The University of Western Australia	2,820	2,025
University of Canberra	4,778	4,538
University of New South Wales	8,987	6,672
University of South Australia	10,802	8,335
University of Southern Queensland	4,389	4,317
University of Tasmania	13,139	12,424
University of Technology, Sydney	9,188	7,139
University of the Sunshine Coast	6,391	6,010
University of Wollongong	6,750	6,088
Victoria University	6,629	5,986
Western Sydney University	25,066	26,868
Total	341,983	280,662

Source: Applications and Offers Data Collection, Department of Education, Skills and Employment (DESE), 2021

Number of domestic undergraduate students enrolled in Table A universities by Federal electorate (for both commencing enrolments and total enrolments) - for the most recent year data is available, 2020.

State/Electorate	Commencing	Non-commencing	Total
ACT			
Canberra	7,698	14,975	22,673
NSW			
Bennelong	10,484	17,780	28,264
Blaxland	1,478	3,043	4,521
Calare	5,895	6,963	12,858
Cowper	1,237	1,628	2,865
Cunningham	5,001	9,444	14,445
Dobell	1,907	2,437	4,344
Eden-Monaro	40	58	98
Farrer	1,485	3,229	4,714
Fowler	1,104	2,450	3,554
Gilmore	128	244	372
Grayndler	436	289	725
Greenway	1,588	972	2,560
Hughes	121	232	353
Hume	3,397	2,308	5,705
Kingsford Smith	7,376	17,212	24,588
Lindsay	2,060	4,019	6,079
Macarthur	2,038	4,958	6,996
Macquarie	735	1,648	2,383
New England	7,012	10,340	17,352
Newcastle	9,078	14,144	23,222

Griffith	1,270	2,293	3,563
Groom	6,534	10,974	17,508
Herbert	2,378	5,654	8,032
Hinkler	794	1,145	1,939
Kennedy	11	24	35
Leichhardt	1,135	2,143	3,278
Lilley	2,175	6,692	8,867
Longman	458	686	1,144
Mcperson	1,938	2,576	4,514
Moncrieff	6,865	11,509	18,374
Moreton	6,031	11,542	17,573
Rankin	1,022	2,228	3,250
Ryan	7,174	17,523	24,697
Wide Bay	316	329	645
Wright	493	1,150	1,643
SA			
Adelaide	14,725	22,628	37,353
Barker	156	236	392
Boothby	5,003	9,273	14,276
Grey	363	581	944
Hindmarsh	0	4	4
Kingston	188	10	198
Makin	1,491	2,773	4,264
Mayo	48	8	56
Spence	49	3	52
Sturt	1,972	4,133	6,105

Melbourne	20,222	38,438	58,660
Nicholls	208	570	778
Scullin	90	145	235
Wannon	1,379	2,587	3,966
Wills	688	737	1,425
WA			
Brand	127	16	143
Burt	0	0	0
Canning	279	436	715
Curtin	4,164	8,016	12,180
Durack	0	6	6
Forrest	446	721	1,167
Moore	5,719	9,476	15,195
O'Connor	85	179	264
Pearce	12	7	19
Perth	1,612	2,887	4,499
Swan	11,286	19,403	30,689
Tangney	5,099	8,069	13,168

Notes:

- 1) This information is preliminary and subject to change. Higher education providers are currently verifying student data and it will be finalised in November 2021.
- 2) This information is only applicable to reporting by campus/delivery location. It is not suitable for aggregation.
- 3) The count is the number of students who are undertaking one or more units of study at a campus/delivery location.
- 4) A student may undertake units of study at multiple campuses/delivery locations. These students are counted at each campus/delivery location.
- 5) A student may undertake units of study within a campus with multiple citizenship statuses. These students are counted once at the campus with domestic citizenship prioritised.
- 6) A student may undertake units of study within a campus with multiple course levels. These students are counted once at the campus with the highest course level prioritised.
- 7) Campus/delivery location is based on the TCSI element 477, which is submitted by higher education providers.
- 8) This data excludes all overseas campuses.