

Update Universities Australia Submission to Senate Committee Inquiry into Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill 2014

In light of new information from the Department of Education on 30 September 2014, Universities Australia would like to update figures provided in its submission (Submission No. 60).

Amendments

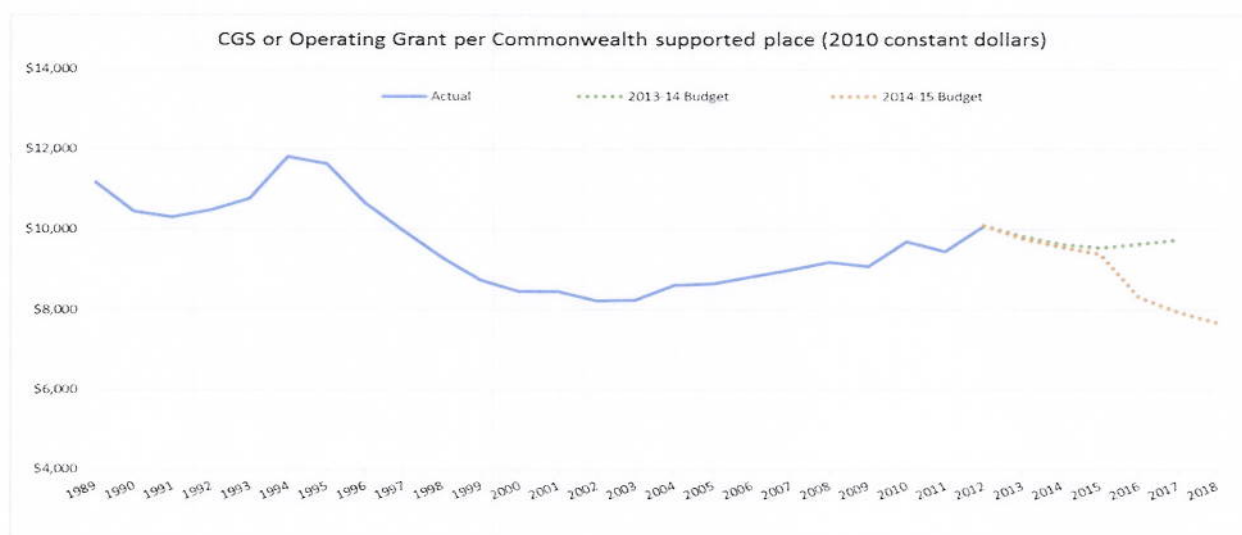
- Replace last sentence of the third paragraph from the bottom of page 4:

"While university enrolments have tripled over the past 30 years in response to policies aimed at increasing participation, public funding per student declined in real terms by 14.4 per cent between 1994 and 2012."

- Replace fourth paragraph to the end of page 9:

"Government funding per student fell by 14.4 per cent in real terms between 1994 and 2012 (from \$11,811 to \$10,112, in 2010 constant dollar terms). This represents a partial and staggered recovery from a low point in 2002 when it fell to \$8,223."

Figure 2: Government funding per Commonwealth supported place (2010 constant dollars)



Source: 1989 to 2000 figures – *Higher Education Base Funding Review: Final Report* (2011); from 2001, the Department of Education's administrative data.

"The introduction of the demand driven system and changes in higher education indexation arrangement under the previous government resulted in CGS funding increasing by 43.5 per cent in real terms between 2007 and 2012 (from \$3.86 to \$5.54 billion). This increase was driven largely by increasing student numbers rather than per student funding, which grew by only 12.3 per cent over the period."

- Replace first sentence of second paragraph on page 16:

"The 20 per cent reduction translates into a drop in university revenue over the forward estimates of almost \$2 billion and a reduction in per student funding of 34.9 per cent since 1994 in real terms."