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QUESTION ON NOTICE

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University funding and course data

Question

Senator PATRICK: On notice, can you provide me with how many of the universities in your statistics that were used to calculate the \$21,000 were above the \$24,000? If there was only one, or there were five—or there might be none—then perhaps you could provide the differences in enrolments as a result of them hitting above margin. I understand all of the things you're saying, but I'm trying to get to whether this got us more engineers in that university.

Mr English: My challenge will be that can I give you an answer to the first half of the question with applicants. I will see if I can work out the second half of the question, but I won't be able to identify the individual institutions.

Senator PATRICK: I understand. You can just say 'university 1, university 2, university 3, university 4'. All I want to see is how that works.

Mr English: I'll take it on notice.

Answer

The Department's analysis uses 2018 data on cost of teaching for engineering, indexed per the indexation method in section 198-15 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, to determine 2021 costs. This suggests 12 universities deliver engineering for more than \$24,200 per EFTSL which is the base funding amount for Engineering courses.

Please see Table 1 for list of universities and range of costs of delivery for engineering.

Estimates are indicative only as actual costs may have changed since 2018.

Table 1. List of universities where costs of delivery per EFTSL for engineering and related disciplines is above \$24,000

Universities	Estimated cost per EFTSL for engineering and related disciplines, 2021 (\$)
University 1	\$24,312
University 2	\$24,709
University 3	\$26,929
University 4	\$28,070
University 5	\$28,183
University 6	\$30,084
University 7	\$34,625
University 8	\$35,244
University 9	\$35,688
University 10	\$37,619
University 11	\$48,285
University 12	\$54,887