

**Senate Standing Committees on Economics**

**The Australian manufacturing industry**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. IQ21-000156**

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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**

<b>Universities</b>	<b>Estimated cost per EFTSL for engineering and related disciplines, 2021 (\$)</b>
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