

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

International student mobility programs

Please provide an overview of the international student mobility programs being undertaken in 2014-15. What programs support Australians to study overseas? What programs attract international students to study in Australia? What is the total funding profile over forward estimates for student mobility programs administered by the Department?

Answer

In 2014–15, the Australian Government, through the Department of Education, will support the following international student mobility programs:

- AsiaBound Grants Program
- International Student Exchange Program
- Endeavour Cheung Kong Student Exchange Program (jointly funded with Cheung Kong Holdings)
- Study Overseas Short-term Mobility Program
- Vocational Education and Training Outbound Mobility Program.

In addition, the New Colombo Plan, led by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and administered by the Department of Education, will be offered in 2014–15.

All of the above student mobility programs support Australian students to have an international study experience. The International Student Exchange Program and the Endeavour Cheung Kong Student Exchange Program also support overseas students to study in Australia.

Funding over the forward estimates is:

- 2014–15: \$14.6 million
- 2015–16: \$14.8 million
- 2016–17: \$14.8 million
- 2017–18: \$14.8 million

Funding for the New Colombo Plan (NCP) is appropriated to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Funding for the NCP program which includes both a scholarship and mobility stream over the forward estimates is:

- 2014--5: \$10.9 million
- 2015--16: \$19.6 million
- 2016--17: \$19.6 million
- 2017--18: \$42.8 million