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Growth rate of base funding

Question

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: What has the growth rate been in base funding over the past five years for each university?

Mr English: I would have to take the question on notice for each university, because the growth rate in base funding will be affected by their composition mix and the number of students. But, the average increase in base funding per student across the sector has been 15 per cent.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Can you tell me how many universities had a funding rate growth less than 15 per cent in the last five years?

Mr English: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Adjusting for inflation, what is the rate of funding growth per university between 2009 and 2015?

Mr Learmonth: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

The growth in nominal base funding per place (Commonwealth Grant Scheme plus student contributions) between 2010 and 2015 was 15 per cent.

The following table sets out the *nominal increase in total base funding* (Commonwealth Grant Scheme plus student contributions) for Commonwealth supported students enrolled at each university *between 2012 and 2017*.

Institution	% change in base funding 2012–2017
Charles Sturt University	7.6%
Macquarie University	44.5%
Southern Cross University	17.6%
The University of New England	25.1%
University of New South Wales	23.8%
The University of Newcastle	12.9%
University of Sydney	13.4%
University of Technology Sydney	45.4%
Western Sydney University	19.6%
The University of Wollongong	23.9%
Deakin University	43.1%
La Trobe University	28.8%

Institution	% change in base funding 2012–2017
Monash University	24.9%
RMIT University	35.3%
Swinburne University of Technology	80.6%
Federation University Australia	46.7%
The University of Melbourne	24.4%
Victoria University	1.8%
Central Queensland University	69.0%
Griffith University	27.1%
James Cook University	17.7%
Queensland University of Technology	25.4%
The University of Queensland	14.7%
University of Southern Queensland	29.6%
University of Sunshine Coast	61.4%
Curtin University of Technology	32.7%
Edith Cowan University	19.1%
Murdoch University	17.5%
The University of Western Australia	4.1%
Flinders University	38.9%
The University of Adelaide	15.7%
University of South Australia	19.0%
University of Tasmania	51.9%
Charles Darwin University	28.2%
The Australian National University	22.4%
University of Canberra	26.8%
Australian Catholic University	69.6%
The University of Notre Dame Australia	30.9%
Total	27.5%

Six universities had growth in nominal base funding lower than 15 per cent between 2012 and 2017.

The following table outlines the rate of growth in *total base funding* (Commonwealth Grant Scheme plus student contributions) for Commonwealth supported students enrolled at each university *between 2009 and 2015, adjusted for inflation*.

Institution	% change in real base funding 2009-2015
Charles Sturt University	36.6%
Macquarie University	84.6%
Southern Cross University	17.4%
The University of New England	44.9%
University of New South Wales	36.0%
The University of Newcastle	31.3%
University of Sydney	19.9%

Institution	% change in real base funding 2009-2015
University of Technology Sydney	37.4%
Western Sydney University	49.1%
The University of Wollongong	36.1%
Deakin University	79.5%
La Trobe University	37.3%
Monash University	31.3%
RMIT University	57.6%
Swinburne University of Technology	123.5%
Federation University Australia	52.9%
The University of Melbourne	21.8%
Victoria University	19.4%
Central Queensland University	68.7%
Griffith University	38.7%
James Cook University	37.8%
Queensland University of Technology	30.6%
The University of Queensland	33.2%
University of Southern Queensland	46.0%
University of Sunshine Coast	78.3%
Curtin University of Technology	50.1%
Edith Cowan University	20.7%
Murdoch University	9.4%
The University of Western Australia	19.5%
Flinders University	51.1%
The University of Adelaide	38.2%
University of South Australia	22.1%
University of Tasmania	45.1%
Charles Darwin University	33.8%
The Australian National University	14.5%
University of Canberra	61.4%
Australian Catholic University	151.3%
The University of Notre Dame Australia	89.6%
Total	41.4%