

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research and International
Department of Education Question No. ED0069_14**

**Senator Carr provided in writing.
Question**

Higher Education Support Act 2003 - Disability Support Program

For the Higher Education Support Act 2003 - Disability Support Program please provide:

- a. the 2012-13 updated budget outcome for this program
- b. current forward estimates for 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18
- c. what the breakdown of these estimates is between administered and Departmental costs?
- d. how many FTE staff positions are allocated to the running of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 - Disability Support Program?

Answer

a. The Budget outcome for the Disability Support Program for the 2012-13 financial year is \$6 513 863.

b. Current forward estimates as at the Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook:

Disability Support Program (DSP)	2012-2013 \$m	2013-14 \$m	2014-15 \$m	2015-16 \$m	2016-17 \$m
Administered	6.5	6.9	6.9	7.1	7.4

c. The budgeted Disability Support Program expenses are administered expenses only.

d. Within the department there is a team responsible for delivering higher education equity programmes that applies resources as required across the programmes. There is no specific allocation of resources to the Disability Support Program.