

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Reform & Support**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0667\_15**

**Senator Carr asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 128**

**Question**

**Commonwealth contributions per student place with the 20% reduction**

Senator KIM CARR: Mr Griew, just further to that request I made earlier about revenue per student place: I neglected to formally ask you for a table which includes the real Commonwealth contributions per student place with the 20 per cent reduction that is announced in the budget. Mr Griew: You can ask for that, of course. The query, as I had taken it on board, revisiting it in my head—the question from Friday before last—was: as at the end of the previous government's administration, which was your point about including the efficiency dividend. Senator KIM CARR: No, we had gone beyond that. You said you would provide it to me in 2014 dollars, so I was looking for it up to 2018 now. Mr Griew: Yes. It is just that the exchange included a reference to the efficiency dividend— Senator KIM CARR: Yes, it did. But I am looking for a separate line table. I have assumed that you have got one of these tables readily to hand. So I would like a separate table with the effect of the 20 per cent reductions, with real— Mr Griew: So one table is: as at budget 2013 across the forwards, and one is at 2014 across the forwards. Senator KIM CARR: That is right. Is that all right? Does it make sense? Mr Griew: We can take that on notice.

**Answer**

The attached tables show university per place revenue as at May 2013 and May 2014. The department is unable to provide details regarding student contributions for 2016 onwards as this would signal estimates to the market in a way which might lead either to collusion or sub-optimal market operations.

## Per place funding as at May 2013

University revenue for student places, 2001 to 2017 <sup>1</sup>																	
	Actuals											Estimates					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Operating Grant (excluding HECS) (\$bn) <sup>2,3</sup>	2.733	2.802	2.860	2.999													
Commonwealth funding for student places (\$bn) <sup>3</sup>					3.041	3.253	3.506	3.815	4.011	4.640	4.682	5.380	5.900	6.300	6.600	6.900	7.300
Commonwealth loadings (\$bn)					0.041	0.042	0.043	0.044	0.144	0.207	0.365	0.457	0.200	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100
<b>TOTAL COMMONWEALTH CONTRIBUTION (\$bn)</b>	<b>2.733</b>	<b>2.802</b>	<b>2.860</b>	<b>2.999</b>	<b>3.082</b>	<b>3.295</b>	<b>3.549</b>	<b>3.859</b>	<b>4.155</b>	<b>4.847</b>	<b>5.047</b>	<b>5.837</b>	<b>6.100</b>	<b>6.400</b>	<b>6.700</b>	<b>7.000</b>	<b>7.400</b>
HECS Liabilities (\$bn)	1.753	1.864	1.907	1.919													
Student contribution amounts (\$bn)					2.121	2.152	2.410	2.675	2.807	3.220	3.271	3.618	4.300	4.600	4.900	5.100	5.400
<b>TOTAL STUDENT CONTRIBUTION (\$bn)</b>	<b>1.753</b>	<b>1.864</b>	<b>1.907</b>	<b>1.919</b>	<b>2.121</b>	<b>2.152</b>	<b>2.410</b>	<b>2.675</b>	<b>2.807</b>	<b>3.220</b>	<b>3.271</b>	<b>3.618</b>	<b>4.300</b>	<b>4.600</b>	<b>4.900</b>	<b>5.100</b>	<b>5.400</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE FOR STUDENT PLACES (\$bn)</b>	<b>4.486</b>	<b>4.666</b>	<b>4.767</b>	<b>4.918</b>	<b>5.203</b>	<b>5.447</b>	<b>5.959</b>	<b>6.534</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>8.067</b>	<b>8.318</b>	<b>9.455</b>	<b>10.400</b>	<b>11.000</b>	<b>11.600</b>	<b>12.100</b>	<b>12.800</b>
Number of Commonwealth subsidised places	415,357	425,440	422,396	413,323	411,889	417,343	428,735	439,666	469,073	499,323	517,776	547,700	577,700	599,200	613,600	626,300	634,500
Consumer Price Index (Dec qtr of current year) <sup>4</sup>	75.4	77.6	79.5	81.5	83.8	86.6	89.1	92.4	94.3	96.9	99.8	102.0					
Nominal Commonwealth Contribution <i>per student place</i> (\$)	6,580	6,585	6,771	7,256	7,481	7,895	8,278	8,777	8,856	9,707	9,746	10,656	10,600	10,600	10,900	11,200	11,600
Nominal student contribution <i>per student place</i> (\$)	4,220	4,382	4,514	4,644	5,148	5,157	5,621	6,083	5,984	6,449	6,317	6,606	7,400	7,700	7,900	7,200	8,500
Nominal total revenue <i>per student place</i> - Commonwealth & students (\$)	10,799	10,968	11,285	11,900	12,630	13,052	13,899	14,861	14,840	16,156	16,064	17,262	18,000	18,300	18,800	19,400	20,000
Real Commonwealth Contribution <i>per student place</i> (\$ 2013)	9,105	8,855	8,887	9,290	9,315	9,513	9,694	9,912	9,800	10,452	10,190	10,901	10,600	10,400	10,300	10,400	10,500
Real student contribution <i>per student place</i> (\$ 2013)	5,839	5,893	5,925	5,946	6,411	6,214	6,583	6,870	6,621	6,945	6,605	6,758	7,400	7,500	7,500	7,600	7,700
Real total revenue <i>per student place</i> - Commonwealth & students (\$ 2013)	14,945	14,748	14,812	15,236	15,726	15,727	16,277	16,782	16,421	17,397	16,796	17,659	18,000	17,900	17,900	18,000	18,100

<sup>1</sup> as at May 2013

<sup>2</sup> Includes National Institutes funding in 2001 to 2004 and research quantum in 2001. These amounts are paid separately in other years.

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Commonwealth loadings (\$bn)					0.041	0.042	0.043	0.044	0.144	0.207	0.365	0.457	0.208	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100
<b>TOTAL COMMONWEALTH CONTRIBUTION (\$bn)</b>	<b>2.733</b>	<b>2.802</b>	<b>2.860</b>	<b>2.999</b>	<b>3.082</b>	<b>3.295</b>	<b>3.549</b>	<b>3.859</b>	<b>4.155</b>	<b>4.847</b>	<b>5.047</b>	<b>5.831</b>	<b>6.113</b>	<b>6.400</b>	<b>6.600</b>	<b>6.500</b>	<b>6.600</b>	<b>6.800</b>
HECS Liabilities (\$bn)	1.753	1.864	1.907	1.919														
Student contribution amounts (\$bn)					2.121	2.152	2.410	2.675	2.807	3.220	3.271	3.676	4.290	4.600				
<b>TOTAL STUDENT CONTRIBUTION (\$bn)</b>	<b>1.753</b>	<b>1.864</b>	<b>1.907</b>	<b>1.919</b>	<b>2.121</b>	<b>2.152</b>	<b>2.410</b>	<b>2.675</b>	<b>2.807</b>	<b>3.220</b>	<b>3.271</b>	<b>3.676</b>	<b>4.290</b>	<b>4.600</b>				
<b>TOTAL REVENUE FOR STUDENT PLACES (\$bn)</b>	<b>4.486</b>	<b>4.666</b>	<b>4.767</b>	<b>4.918</b>	<b>5.203</b>	<b>5.447</b>	<b>5.959</b>	<b>6.534</b>	<b>6.962</b>	<b>8.067</b>	<b>8.318</b>	<b>9.507</b>	<b>10.403</b>	<b>11.000</b>				
<b>Number of Commonwealth subsidised places</b>	<b>415,357</b>	<b>425,440</b>	<b>422,396</b>	<b>413,323</b>	<b>411,889</b>	<b>417,343</b>	<b>428,735</b>	<b>439,666</b>	<b>469,073</b>	<b>499,323</b>	<b>517,776</b>	<b>547,800</b>	<b>576,900</b>	<b>601,600</b>	<b>618,100</b>	<b>676,400</b>	<b>700,900</b>	<b>724,300</b>
Consumer Price Index (Dec qtr of current year) <sup>4</sup>	75.4	77.6	79.5	81.5	83.8	86.6	89.1	92.4	94.3	96.9	99.8	102.0	104.8					
Nominal Commonwealth Contribution <i>per student place</i> (\$)	6,580	6,585	6,771	7,256	7,481	7,895	8,278	8,777	8,856	9,707	9,746	10,644	10,597	10,600	10,700	9,700	9,500	9,400
Nominal student contribution <i>per student place</i> (\$)	4,220	4,382	4,514	4,644	5,148	5,157	5,621	6,083	5,984	6,449	6,317	6,710	7,437	7,700				
Nominal total revenue <i>per student place - Commonwealth &amp; students</i> (\$)	10,799	10,968	11,285	11,900	12,630	13,052	13,899	14,861	14,840	16,156	16,064	17,353	18,034	18,200				
Real Commonwealth Contribution <i>per student place</i> (\$ 2014)	9,346	9,089	9,122	9,536	9,562	9,764	9,951	10,174	10,059	10,729	10,460	11,177	10,830	10,600	10,400	9,200	8,800	8,500
Real student contribution <i>per student place</i> (\$ 2014)	5,994	6,049	6,081	6,103	6,580	6,379	6,757	7,052	6,797	7,128	6,780	7,045	7,600	7,700				
Real total revenue <i>per student place - Commonwealth &amp; students</i> (\$ 2014)	15,340	15,138	15,203	15,639	16,142	16,143	16,708	17,226	16,856	17,857	17,240	18,222	18,431	18,200				

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