

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Reform & Support

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Question

Commonwealth supported places

Mr Griew: So the relevant figure is: how much does the 80 thousand grow by? The 80 thousand includes two components: one a sub-bachelor, and one a bachelor level. The bachelor market, as we have said here previously, is not growing rapidly. The sub-bachelor market has been capped for longer, and we do anticipate greater growth in the sub-bachelor market because there is more unmet need there, but that, again, is an assumption that is quite explicit, and we can provide that on notice. Ms Paul: We can set that out. Senator KIM CARR: Sure.

Answer

See ED0710_15 (SQ14-003114).

Last year, as part of the 2013-14 Budget measure that provided additional diploma of languages and enabling and diploma level pathways places for 2014-2017, the Government allocated 630 sub bachelor places in 2014 (185 enabling, 65 diploma level pathways and 380 diploma of languages places), increasing to 783 places in 2016.

Over 3,700 places were requested for sub bachelor courses (including enabling) for 2014, growing to over 5,100 in 2016. Around 2,100 of those requested were for diploma and associate degree level courses. Moving sub-bachelor places to the demand-driven system would allow this unmet demand to be filled.