

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000781

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Australian Post Graduate Awards

Question

With reference to the Australian Post Graduate Awards please provide the:

- (a) total funding allocated for each in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17
- (b) departmental and administered funding allocated for each in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17
- (c) number of organisations funded, or grants allocated, under the program in each in those years, the name of each organisation funded, the purpose of the funding and the dollar value of that funding
- (d) number of individuals projected to be serviced or services to be delivered through each in 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17
- (e) total funding actually expended on each in 2015-16 and 2014-15
- (f) number of individuals actually serviced or services actually delivered through each in 2015-16 and 2014-15
- (g) aggregate staff budget for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 broken down by i) permanent APS staff and ii) contractors
- (h) number of permanent APS staff responsible for delivering each in 2016-17; 2015-16 and 2014-15, the classification of these staff and their geographic location;
- (i) dollar value of external advice contracted to support each in 2016-17, as well as the number of contractors engaged, the APS-equivalent classification these contractors were engaged at and their geographic location.

Answer

- (a) Table 1 – Total administered funding allocated for Australian Postgraduate Awards

2014–15 \$'000	2015–16 \$'000	2016–17 \$'000
276,138	282,106	142,209

Notes: Data is by financial year. Funding in 2016–17 reflects the cessation of the Australian Postgraduate Awards program with funding redirected to the Research Training Program from 1 January 2017.

- (b) Refer to (a). There is no specific allocation of departmental funding to this program.
- (c) The Australian Postgraduate Awards provides block grants, on a calendar year basis, to eligible Australian higher education providers to fund living allowance stipends for postgraduate research students undertaking Research Doctorate and Research Masters degrees.

As funding is allocated on a calendar year basis the following table refers to payments for the calendar years 2014, 2015 and 2016 whereas funding allocations set out at (a) above are by financial year.

Table 2 – Institutions receiving Australian Postgraduate Awards funding and value of funding

Eligible higher education providers	2014 \$	2015 \$	2016 \$
Australian Catholic University	1,094,373	1,074,349	1,109,254
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	78,576	79,970	81,311
Bond University	486,312	555,532	581,563
Central Queensland University	980,623	1,054,738	1,107,364
Charles Darwin University	1,829,860	1,841,681	1,873,537
Charles Sturt University	1,649,721	1,726,054	1,842,166
Curtin University of Technology	6,777,765	7,001,543	7,216,747
Deakin University	4,545,998	4,770,727	5,224,115
Edith Cowan University	2,072,559	2,163,223	2,272,380
Federation University Australia	779,040	735,083	666,086
Griffith University	6,477,075	6,576,716	6,577,392
James Cook University	3,427,933	3,650,284	3,795,124
La Trobe University	5,049,867	5,401,920	5,679,900
Macquarie University	6,387,267	6,798,610	7,295,195
MCD University of Divinity	435,159	383,647	309,853
Monash University	21,204,643	22,078,742	22,933,947
Murdoch University	3,289,575	3,122,461	2,826,965
Queensland University of Technology	8,303,985	8,768,570	9,073,735
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	5,345,245	6,000,178	6,550,661
Southern Cross University	1,527,476	1,471,671	1,390,554
Swinburne University of Technology	2,802,731	2,995,984	3,148,198
The Australian National University	14,719,925	15,164,678	15,485,175
The Flinders University of South Australia	4,535,218	4,553,823	4,519,070
The University of Adelaide	12,019,940	12,175,426	12,260,330
The University of Melbourne	28,152,814	27,634,255	26,872,793
The University of Notre Dame Australia	199,049	216,646	250,880
The University of Queensland	23,822,741	24,614,581	25,437,271
The University of Sydney	26,884,702	27,415,592	27,372,932
The University of Western Australia	13,057,127	13,469,626	13,368,043
Torrens University Australia	0	0	26,663
University of Canberra	1,430,255	1,560,782	1,645,552
University of New England	2,563,441	2,581,229	2,601,949
University of New South Wales	23,897,334	24,507,710	24,701,063
University of Newcastle	6,110,420	6,378,418	6,621,639
University of South Australia	5,770,517	5,932,213	5,973,458
University of Southern Queensland	1,482,170	1,560,626	1,577,010
University of Tasmania	6,698,844	6,819,861	6,635,415
University of Technology, Sydney	4,728,554	4,734,393	4,856,120
University of the Sunshine Coast	583,932	646,597	689,537

Eligible higher education providers	2014 \$	2015 \$	2016 \$
University of Western Sydney	3,101,535	3,226,528	3,361,142
University of Wollongong	5,875,090	6,135,117	6,415,085
Victoria University	2,301,945	2,213,159	2,190,338
Grand Total	272,481,336	279,792,943	284,417,512
Number of providers funded	41	41	42

Note: Data is by calendar year

(d) Table 3 – Projected number of Australian Postgraduate Awards recipients

2014	2015	2016
10,583	10,675	10,675

Note: Data is by calendar year

(e) Table 4 – Australian Postgraduate Awards funding expended by the department

2014–15 \$'000	2015–16 \$'000
276,138	282,106

(f) Table 5 – Actual number of Australian Postgraduate Awards recipients

2014	2015
12,417	12,364

Note: Data is by calendar year

(g) There is no specific allocation of staff resources for the program management of the Australian Postgraduate Awards.

(h) There is no specific allocation of staff resources for the program management of the Australian Postgraduate Awards.

(i) Nil