

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. SQ16-000881

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HEPPP cuts

Question

What is the totality of cuts to the Higher Education Participation and Pathways program after the 2016-17 Budget?

- How many students will be impacted by the cuts to the HEPPP program?
- What is the impact on each university?

Answer

- \$553.2 million remains over that period to assist universities to provide pathways and support for students from low socio-economic status (low-SES) backgrounds.
- In the 2016–17 Budget, the Australian Government redirected \$152 million over the four years of the forward estimates from the Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (HEPPP) to fund priority initiatives and make a contribution to budget repair.
- Two of the HEPPP savings measures are ongoing beyond the forward estimates – \$10 million per year to fund the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) collection and \$3 million per year to fund implementation of Australia’s first National Strategy for International Education.
- The wide range of HEPPP-funded activities undertaken by institutions can include broad outreach and aspiration building with schools and higher education students in the target group. Accordingly, it is not possible to determine exactly the number of students who are currently impacted by the program, or the number who will be affected by the savings.
- HEPPP funding is distributed by formula, based on the proportion of all low-SES students enrolled at Table A institutions. The 2017 allocations have been calculated on the same basis as those for 2016 (see the **attached** table).

2017 HEPPP University Funding Allocations

Group	University	Number low SES students (2015 data)	Share of all low SES students	Proposed 2017 funding*	2016 funding
RUN	Central Queensland University	3,982	3.46%	\$4,682,592	\$5,326,526
RUN	Federation University Australia	1,616	1.40%	\$1,900,318	\$1,915,804
RUN	Southern Cross University	2,433	2.12%	\$2,861,061	\$3,469,843
RUN	University of New England	3,361	2.92%	\$3,952,333	\$4,550,914
RUN	University of Southern Queensland	4,825	4.19%	\$5,673,909	\$6,373,813
RUN	University of the Sunshine Coast	1,674	1.46%	\$1,968,523	\$2,077,683
Go8	Monash University	3,035	2.64%	\$3,568,977	\$4,365,105
Go8	The Australian National University	269	0.23%	\$316,327	\$391,325
Go8	The University of Adelaide	2,181	1.90%	\$2,564,724	\$2,940,569
Go8	The University of Melbourne	1,424	1.24%	\$1,674,538	\$1,959,441
Go8	The University of Queensland	2,839	2.47%	\$3,338,493	\$4,260,939
Go8	The University of Sydney	2,061	1.79%	\$2,423,612	\$2,863,148
Go8	The University of Western Australia	936	0.81%	\$1,100,679	\$1,402,014
Go8	University of New South Wales	2,348	2.04%	\$2,761,106	\$3,322,040
ATN	Curtin University of Technology	3,589	3.12%	\$4,220,448	\$4,794,436
ATN	Queensland University of Technology	3,483	3.03%	\$4,095,798	\$4,707,162
ATN	RMIT University	3,513	3.05%	\$4,131,076	\$4,725,462
ATN	University of South Australia	4,687	4.07%	\$5,511,630	\$6,247,125
ATN	University of Technology, Sydney	2,496	2.17%	\$2,935,145	\$3,307,964
IRU	Charles Darwin University	1,144	0.99%	\$1,345,275	\$1,551,224
IRU	Flinders University of South Australia	2,618	2.28%	\$3,078,610	\$3,668,321
IRU	Griffith University	4,544	3.95%	\$5,343,470	\$6,076,800
IRU	James Cook University	2,970	2.58%	\$3,492,541	\$4,113,136
IRU	La Trobe University	4,181	3.63%	\$4,916,604	\$5,481,367
IRU	Murdoch University	1,953	1.70%	\$2,296,610	\$2,763,206
IRU	University of Newcastle	5,010	4.36%	\$5,891,458	\$7,093,119
Other	Australian Catholic University	2,650	2.30%	\$3,116,240	\$3,323,448
Other	Charles Sturt University	5,353	4.65%	\$6,294,805	\$7,840,578
Other	Deakin University	4,265	3.71%	\$5,015,383	\$5,613,685
Other	Edith Cowan University	2,458	2.14%	\$2,890,460	\$3,481,104
Other	Macquarie University	2,210	1.92%	\$2,598,827	\$2,682,970
Other	Swinburne University of Technology	3,795	3.30%	\$4,462,691	\$4,707,162
Other	University of Canberra	710	0.62%	\$834,917	\$999,427
Other	University of Tasmania	5,698	4.95%	\$6,700,505	\$7,074,820
Other	Western Sydney University	8,700	7.56%	\$10,230,676	\$11,493,415
Other	University of Wollongong	2,760	2.40%	\$3,245,593	\$3,536,002
Other	Victoria University	3,250	2.83%	\$3,821,804	\$4,636,780
	Total	115,021		\$135,257,758	\$155,137,879

* Note that the final allocations advised to universities are subject to indexation of HEPPP funds as required under HESA. Indicative indexation figures for 2017 have been applied, pending approval by the Department of Finance. The final allocations reflect the rounding required by the UniPay system.