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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Funding to universities and higher education providers

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Mason

QUESTION No.: AI-199

1. What funding to higher education providers from DISSRTE is channelled through the States and Territories? Please provide total figures and a breakdown of this funding by recipient.
2. Please provide the regulatory basis for funding being provided in this manner, rather than directly to the higher education providers, and explain how this enhances accountability for these funds or improves the achievement of relevant outcomes?

ANSWER

No programs funded under the Higher Education Support Act 2003 are channelled through either the States or Territories to Higher Education Providers.