**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Student residential accommodation at universities

**REFERENCE:** Written Question –Senator Mason

**QUESTION No:** A1-192

1.  Does the Department collect or possess any data on the enrolment levels at student residential colleges located on university campuses or nearby precincts? If so, please provide relevant data.

2.  Please provide details of all federal funding that has been provided to universities for the purpose of providing student accommodation, including a breakdown by state and institution, for each year since 2007-08? What conditions (if any) were attached to this funding? What funding or other contributions were sought and/or made by the relevant state or territory government in each case?

**ANSWER**

1.  The Department does not collect or possess any data on the enrolment levels at student residential colleges located on university campuses or nearby precincts.

2.  Funding from the DIISTRE portfolio that has been provided to universities for the purpose of providing student accommodation since 2007-08 is below:

| INSTITUTION | PROJECT/DESCRIPTION | FUNDING |
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| **TEACHING AND LEARNING CAPITAL FUND (HIGHER EDUCATION)** | | |
| The University of Melbourne (VIC) | Refurbishment and extension of Medley Hall student accommodation facility to enhance student learning through improved student rooms, additional tutor accommodation, and improved learning and social facilities. | $3m |
| The University of Western Australia (WA) | Construction of a 30 bed student accommodation module, recreational spaces in the existing kitchen, a new kitchen and accommodation and work spaces for two tutors at St George's College. | $3.1m |
| The University of Ballarat (VIC) | Construction of student accommodation at the University of Ballarat's Environmental sustainability and biodiversity research station and living laboratory at 'Nanya'. | $0.368m |
| **BETTER UNIVERSITIES RENEWAL FUND** | | |
| Edith Cowan University (WA) | Development of a site that is suitable for the construction of student accommodation by a private sector partner. | $4.03m |
| University of New England (NSW) | Redevelopment of Mary White College (this project also received funding from the Capital Development Pool). | $2m |
| Australian National University (ACT) | Development of modular student accommodation on campus linked to Ursula Hall. | $4m |
| University of Queensland (QLD) | New accommodation at the Heron Island Research Station. | $2.2m |
| **CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT POOL** | | |
| Monash University (VIC) | Student residences redevelopment - Gippsland campus | $3m |
| University of Wollongong (NSW) | Residential places for medical students from rural and regional areas | $1m |
| The University of New England (NSW) | Redevelopment of Mary White College (this project also received funding from Better universities Renewal Fund). | $2.5m |
| University of Tasmania (TAS) | Modernising student accommodation at the Australian Maritime College | $1m |
| **EDUCATION INVESTMENT FUND** | | |
| La Trobe University (VIC) | La Trobe University Rural Health School (student accommodation component) | $11.6m |
| Charles Darwin University (NT) | The Australian Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Education (student accommodation component) | $3.3m |

All recipients of the grants listed above were required to enter into funding agreements with the Commonwealth, or agree to conditions of grant, that encompassed the intended outcomes of the project, payment arrangements, financial and reporting requirements and acquittal of grants.

No funding was contributed to these projects by relevant state or territory governments.

Support for the development of university student accommodation is also provided under the National Rental Affordability Scheme administered by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities. Questions regarding this scheme should be directed to the relevant portfolio.