

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E680_05

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

Question:

- a) What is the total amount of federal government subsidy to Notre Dame University, WA. Since its establishment in July 1991?
- b) Please supply a break down of those subsidies, by type and by year?
- c) What is the total of promised subsidies to the Notre Dame University over the forward estimates (including the proposed Sydney medical school)?
- d) Please supply a break down of those subsidies, by type and by year?
- e) What is the value of the projected HECS/FEE HELP subsidies to Notre Dame University students over the forward estimates period?
- f) What are the requirements for the University of Notre Dame to account for the public funds it receives?
- g) Are there any requirements for the University of Notre Dame to account for the funding it receives from private sources. What are those requirements?

Answer:

Notre Dame University

- a) The total amount of grants under the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988* and the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA) that have been paid to the University to the end of 2004 is \$17.7 million. Payments made to the University over the same period to assist students to pay their tuition fees and student contributions (HECS) have totalled \$9.6 million.
- b) See attached table.
- c) and d)
Funding estimates for forward years are not available by programme for individual institutions, except for the Capital Development Pool.

In 2006 the University of Notre Dame will receive \$2 million for the Medical School at the Fremantle campus. From 2005 to 2008 the University of Notre Dame will receive \$4 million for refurbishment and development of the Broadway and Darlinghurst sites for the Sydney campus. This campus will include a medical school.

- e) The estimates for the HELP programme over the forward estimates period are not broken down by institution. Estimates for 2005 are in the attached table.
- f) The University of Notre Dame Australia is required under Division 19 of HESA to comply with the quality and accountability requirements of the Australian Government. These requirements apply to all approved higher education providers. They include the submission of annual audited financial statements, provision of statistical and other information and adherence to fairness provisions. The University of Notre Dame Australia is also subject to quality audit. A report of the audit conducted by the

Australian Universities Quality Agency in 2003 is available at the web site http://www.auga.edu.au/qualityaudit/sai_reports/index.shtml.

- g) The University is required to prepare its annual financial statements in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the Department's guidelines for the preparation of annual financial statements. The University is required to include revenue from all sources, including private sources, in its annual financial statements. The Department's 2004 guidelines for the preparation of annual financial statements can be found at <http://www.dest.gov.au/highered/funding/financialreporting.htm#5>.

TABLE 1: AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, AUSTRALIA 1994-2005

**INSTITUTION: University of Notre Dame Australia
ALLOCATIONS APPROVED AS AT 9 MARCH 2005**

Program	1994 \$'000	1995 \$'000	1996 \$'000	1997 \$'000	1998 \$'000	1999 \$'000	2000 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2003 \$'000	2004 \$'000	Total 1994-2004 \$'000	2005 \$'000	*
Special Appropriation														
Base Operating Grants						620	1,638	1,883	2,296	2,579	3,122	12,138		
Commonwealth Grants Scheme												0	4,451	
Regional Loading												0	54	
Transitional Fund Program												0	459	
Over-enrolments								74	62	73		209		#
Research Quantum/Institutional Grants Scheme								47	105	106	102	360	98	
Research Training System								42	87	89	136	353	255	
Workplace Reform Program (ongoing funding)								34	22		146	202	55	
Higher Education Innovation Program	247	50	0	200	160	40				3		699		
Equity Program								20	20	20	20	80		
Additional Support for Students with Disabilities Program										9	13	23		
Capital Development Pool									613	1,358	734	2,705		
Research Infrastructure - Block Grants								10	13	20	14	56		
Australian Postgraduate Awards	15	28	22	2	90	61	56	55	67	56	66	518	59	
International Postgraduate Research				29	26	29	24	35	18	16	35	211	55	
Research Grants - Small Grants						50	54	58	0			162		
Commonwealth Education Cost Scholarships											12	12	33	
Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships											12	12	45	
Sub-total Funding excluding Loans Schemes	262	78	22	231	275	800	1,772	2,257	3,302	4,329	4,411	17,739	5,565	
Higher Education Contribution Scheme						280	792	1,143	1,383	1,635	1,587	6,820		*
Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme									514	678	903	2,095		*
Bridging for Overseas Trained Professionals Loans Scheme										566	75	641		*
Assistance to Students												0		
HECS - HELP												0	2,385	
FEE - HELP												0	9,640	
OS - HELP												0	25	
Sub-total Funding for Loans Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	280	792	1,143	1,897	2,879	2,565	9,556	12,050	
Total Funding provided	262	78	22	231	275	1,080	2,564	3,400	5,199	7,208	6,976	27,295	17,616	

Note: Commonwealth funding was not provided to University of Notre Dame Australia during 1991-1993. Final HECS liabilities for 2004 are not available at the present time.

Excludes 2004 Election Commitments as they are still to be included in Legislation.

* Estimate only.

2004 over-enrolments amount yet to be calculated.