

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. E832_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Question E459_05 asked that it be "... assumed that on average across the system universities enrolled their target load". The answer provided instead uses the assumption of ignoring over-enrolments (past and future).

The question did not request that over-enrolments be ignored but rather that it be assumed that in future years the system as a whole enrolls its target load.

Please provide the answer to the question as asked, building this assumption into future enrolments in comparison to actual enrolments for previous years.

Answer:

University Target Loads

In 2004 the target load for fully funded Commonwealth supported places was just over 397,000 places. In 2005 the target load for fully funded Commonwealth supported places is over 409,000 places. This is an increase of over 12,000 fully funded Commonwealth supported places between the two years 2004 and 2005.

If it is assumed that in future years the system as a whole enrolls target load figures, the target load for 2006 will increase by almost 8,000 places compared to 2005, the target load for 2007 will increase by almost 9,000 fully funded places compared to 2006 and the target load for 2008 will increase by over 8,000 fully funded Commonwealth supported places compared to 2007.