

## 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. E833\_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### Question:

*Refers to DEST Question No E462\_05*

Question E462\_05 requested students who would be affected by increased HECS fees until 2007, however the answer provided is expressed in EFTSL.

- a) Please provide the answer in the same form with an estimate of students rather than EFTSL.
- b) What proportion of students are affected nationally and by state and territory as a proportion of:
  - i) their cohort (eg in 2005, HECS liable students commencing in 2005)
  - ii) students able to be effected [for i) but excluding students in national priorities]

#### Answer:

*Increased HECS Debt*

- a) See attachment A.
- b) i) Estimated number of Commonwealth-supported students commencing in 2005 that would be liable to pay student contributions that are higher than the pre-2005 rates\* as a percentage of total number of Commonwealth supported students commencing in 2005.

State/Territory	Percentage of commencing students affected by increased student contributions
New South Wales	45%
Victoria	100%
Queensland	82%
Western Australia	69%
South Australia	100%
Tasmania	0%
Northern Territory	7%
Australian Capital Territory**	30%
<b>Australia</b>	<b>70%</b>

\* Students in National Priority areas at providers that have set some student contributions above the pre-2005 rates are included as being subject to higher student contributions. This is because these students may undertake units of study outside the nursing and education clusters. Estimates are based on 2003 data.

\*\* Includes estimates for students attending the Australian Catholic University.

b) ii) See answer to (b)(i). All commencing students at those providers that have set their student contributions above the pre-2005 rates could be affected by the higher rates, depending on the units of study they undertake.

## Attachment A

Institution	Estimated students paying a higher rate of student contribution than grandfathered students			
	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>New South Wales</b>				
Avondale College	228	333	456	536
Charles Sturt University	0	0	0	0
Macquarie University	0	0	0	0
Southern Cross University	0	0	0	0
The University of New England	5,210	7,603	10,420	12,250
The University of New South Wales	0	10,062	13,789	16,211
The University of Newcastle	5,819	8,493	11,639	13,683
The University of Sydney	9,460	13,806	18,919	22,243
University of Technology, Sydney	5,415	7,903	10,830	12,733
University of Western Sydney	0	0	0	0
University of Wollongong	0	0	0	0
<b>Total for New South Wales</b>	<b>26,132</b>	<b>48,200</b>	<b>66,052</b>	<b>77,656</b>
<b>Victoria</b>				
Deakin University	6,810	9,939	13,620	16,012
La Trobe University	6,597	9,629	13,195	15,513
Monash University	9,376	13,684	18,753	22,047
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	5,639	8,230	11,279	13,260
Swinburne University of Technology	2,397	3,498	4,793	5,635
University of Ballarat	1,447	2,112	2,894	3,403
The University of Melbourne	7,472	10,905	14,945	17,570
Victoria University of Technology	4,471	6,525	8,941	10,512
<b>Total for Victoria</b>	<b>44,210</b>	<b>64,522</b>	<b>88,419</b>	<b>103,952</b>
<b>Queensland</b>				
Central Queensland University	0	0	0	0
Griffith University	7,271	10,611	14,542	17,096
James Cook University	0	0	0	0
Queensland University of Technology	9,685	14,134	19,369	22,772
The University of Queensland	8,605	12,558	17,210	20,233
University of Southern Queensland	4,965	7,247	9,931	11,675
University of the Sunshine Coast	1,120	1,635	2,240	2,634
<b>Total for Queensland</b>	<b>31,646</b>	<b>46,186</b>	<b>63,292</b>	<b>74,410</b>
<b>Western Australia</b>				
Curtin University of Technology	0	0	0	0
Edith Cowan University	6,027	8,796	12,054	14,171
Murdoch University	3,226	4,708	6,452	7,585
The University of Notre Dame Australia	259	348	453	522
The University of Western Australia	3,805	5,553	7,609	8,946
<b>Total for Western Australia</b>	<b>13,316</b>	<b>19,405</b>	<b>26,568</b>	<b>31,224</b>
<b>South Australia</b>				
The Flinders University of South Australia	3,530	5,152	7,060	8,300
The University of Adelaide	4,017	5,863	8,034	9,446
University of South Australia	6,536	9,539	13,072	15,368
<b>Total for South Australia</b>	<b>14,083</b>	<b>20,553</b>	<b>28,166</b>	<b>33,114</b>
<b>Tasmania</b>				
Australian Maritime College	0	0	0	0
University of Tasmania	0	0	0	0
<b>Total for Tasmania</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Northern Territory</b>				
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	0	0	0	0
Charles Darwin University	126	1,176	2,227	3,277
<b>Total for Northern Territory</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>2,227</b>	<b>3,277</b>
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>				
The Australian National University	0	0	0	0
University of Canberra	2,851	4,162	5,703	6,705
Australian Catholic University	0	0	0	0
<b>Total for Australian Capital Territory</b>	<b>2,851</b>	<b>3,660</b>	<b>5,016</b>	<b>5,897</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132,364</b>	<b>203,703</b>	<b>279,739</b>	<b>329,530</b>

**Assumptions:**

The estimated number of commencing students is the estimated commencing load at each provider multiplied by the student to load ratio for domestic commencing undergraduates in 2003 for each provider

Increases will only apply to commencing students in 2005 - estimated to be 37 per cent of EFTSL in 2005

Increases will only apply to students commencing 2005 onwards estimated to be 54 per cent of EFTSL in 2006

Increases will only apply to students commencing 2005 onwards estimated to be 74 per cent of EFTSL in 2007

Increases will only apply to students commencing 2005 onwards estimated to be 87 per cent of EFTSL in 2008

2003 actual EFTSU was used as the basis for calculations of EFTSL

Assumes providers will maintain the same percentage increase in student contributions for 2006, 2007 and 2008 as indicated in 2005