

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome 3
Output Group: 3.3 – Support for the Australian education and training export industry and international relationships.

DEST Question No. E866_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

What figures do you have on the trend in enrolments by international students in Australian universities over the last 5 years?

Answer:

Enrolments trends

The table below shows international student enrolments in the Australian higher education sector over the past five years.

Higher Education student enrolments

2000	% change	2001	% change		2002	% change	2003	% change	2004	% change
72,717	19.4	86,269	18.6		116,934	26.2	136,252	16.8	151,798	11.5

Note that there was a break in series between 2001 and 2002, which has affected the time series comparison. Data since 2001 are more comprehensive and statistically robust.