

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

#### **DEST Question No. E1030\_06**

Senator Wong provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

For each medical degree offered at Australia's universities, for the years 1996 – 2006 (inclusive):

How many (i) Commonwealth Supported, (ii) domestic full fee paying, students commenced their degree?

In total, how many (i) Commonwealth Supported, (ii) domestic full fee paying students were enrolled in a medical degree?

#### **Answer:**

*Students, Selected Higher Education Statistics (DEST)*

*Table: Number of students (a) enrolled in a medical degree (b) by liability status and commencing indicator, 1996 - 2004*

|                        |                         | 1996  | 1997  | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Commonwealth Supported | Commencing students     | 1,024 | 1,276 | 1,255 | 1,442 | 1,425 | 1,817 | 1,806 | 1,726 | 1,925 |
|                        | Not commencing students | 5,890 | 5,449 | 5,338 | 5,361 | 5,432 | 6,162 | 6,202 | 6,193 | 6,116 |
|                        | Sub-total               | 6,914 | 6,725 | 6,593 | 6,803 | 6,857 | 7,979 | 8,008 | 7,919 | 8,041 |
| Domestic Fee-Paying    | Commencing students     | 184   | 245   | 225   | 232   | 233   | 462   | 538   | 576   | 634   |
|                        | Not commencing students | 184   | 263   | 277   | 259   | 200   | 383   | 475   | 559   | 611   |
|                        | Sub-total               | 368   | 508   | 502   | 491   | 433   | 845   | 1,013 | 1,135 | 1,245 |

(a) Figures include students at all levels of study in medicine and medical studies courses, including but not limited to courses leading to registration as a medical practitioner.

(b) 1996 – 2000: Medical degree defined by Field of Study = 070502 Medicine;

2001 – 2004: Medical degree defined by Field of Education (ASCED) = 0601 Medical Studies incorporating:

060101 General Medicine

060105 Psychiatry

060109 Paediatrics

060113 Pathology

060117 Internal Medicine

060199 Medical Studies not elsewhere classified

060103 Surgery

060107 Obstetrics and Gynaecology

060111 Anaesthesiology

060115 Radiology

060119 General Practice

There is a break in series between 2000 and 2001, both with the field of education classification and the reporting period. From 2001 onwards, the Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED) is used to categorise the field of education, prior to 2001 the Field of Study classification was used. Prior to 2001, student numbers reflect students undertaking units of study at 31 March of the reference year. From 2001, student numbers reflect students undertaking units of study over the period 1 September to 31 August of the reference year. This change in scope in 2001 resulted in a sharp increase in reported enrolments between 2000 and 2001.