

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

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DEST Question No. E852_06

Senator Wong asked on 15 February 2006, EWRE Hansard page 97.

Refers to DEST Question No E833_05

Question:

You gave Senator Carr an answer to question on notice E833_05 in relation to those persons affected by increased HECS fees. It was E833_05. I would like an updated version of both the tables in that answer to date.

Answer:

Student contributions above pre-2005 HECS rates

Table 1 – Estimated number of commencing Commonwealth supported students that would be liable to pay student contributions that are higher than the pre-2005 HECS rates* as a percentage of total number of Commonwealth supported students commencing in 2005

State/Territory	Percentage of commencing students potentially affected by increased student contributions - 2005
New South Wales	38%
Victoria	100%
Queensland	79%
Western Australia	71%
South Australia	100%
Tasmania	0%
Northern Territory	11%
Australian Capital Territory**	27%
Australia	68%

* Not all providers have increased their rates for all units. All commencing students at those providers that have set their student contributions above the pre-2005 rates could be affected depending on the units of study they undertake. Students undertaking education and nursing degrees (National Priority areas) at providers that have set some student contributions above the pre-2005 rates are included as being potentially subject to higher student contributions. This is because these students may undertake units of study outside the nursing and education clusters and therefore may be subject to higher student contributions for those other units.

** Includes estimates for all students attending the multi-state Australian Catholic University.

Table 2 – Estimated number of students paying a higher student contribution than pre-2005 HECS rates

Institution	Estimated students paying a higher student contribution than the pre-2005 HECS rates			
	2005	2006	2007	2008
New South Wales				
Avondale College	133	234	329	409
Charles Sturt University	0	12,078	14,623	16,580
Macquarie University	0	0	0	0
Southern Cross University	0	3,577	5,692	7,318
The University of New England	4,677	8,026	10,854	12,941
The University of New South Wales	0	9,395	14,103	17,537
The University of Newcastle	3,131	5,431	9,902	12,941
The University of Sydney	6,996	12,201	17,636	21,666
University of Technology, Sydney	5,504	9,089	12,618	15,254
University of Western Sydney	0	17,127	21,197	24,326
University of Wollongong	0	6,366	8,323	9,719
Total for New South Wales	20,442	83,524	115,277	138,691
Victoria				
Deakin University	6,961	12,202	15,547	17,991
La Trobe University	6,636	10,581	13,698	16,010
Monash University	7,807	14,411	20,393	24,852
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	5,485	9,750	12,671	14,863
Swinburne University of Technology	2,829	4,526	6,071	6,851
University of Ballarat	1,319	2,223	2,987	3,552
The University of Melbourne	7,729	12,740	17,106	20,365
Victoria University	5,306	9,103	10,798	12,058
Total for Victoria	44,073	75,537	99,271	116,542
Queensland				
Central Queensland University	0	6,332	7,973	9,150
Griffith University	7,649	13,738	17,800	20,907
James Cook University	0	6,465	9,211	11,317
Queensland University of Technology	8,675	14,133	19,569	23,537
The University of Queensland	5,604	9,309	15,637	20,314
University of Southern Queensland	3,497	5,779	9,152	11,568
University of the Sunshine Coast	1,558	2,995	3,744	4,345
Total for Queensland	26,982	58,751	83,087	101,138
Western Australia				
Curtin University of Technology	0	8,939	12,549	15,265
Edith Cowan University	6,413	10,294	13,357	15,594
Murdoch University	3,030	5,709	7,729	9,257
The University of Notre Dame Australia	296	1,031	1,418	1,781
The University of Western Australia	3,405	5,528	8,244	10,324
Total for Western Australia	13,145	31,500	43,296	52,220
South Australia				
The Flinders University of South Australia	2,898	5,054	7,204	8,697
The University of Adelaide	3,138	4,906	7,365	9,203
University of South Australia	7,319	11,858	15,329	17,910
Total for South Australia	13,355	21,818	29,898	35,809
Tasmania				
Australian Maritime College	0	342	546	575
University of Tasmania	0	0	0	0
Total for Tasmania	0	342	546	575
Northern Territory				
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	0	484	484	484
Charles Darwin University	152	2,088	2,288	4,062
Total for Northern Territory	152	2,572	2,772	4,546
Australian Capital Territory				
The Australian National University	0	0	5,308	6,714
University of Canberra	1,911	3,535	5,233	6,477
Australian Catholic University	0	3,575	5,506	7,015
Total for Australian Capital Territory	1,911	7,110	16,046	20,206
TOTAL	120,061	281,154	390,194	469,729

Assumptions

- Assumes providers will maintain the same student contribution increases for 2007 and 2008 as indicated in 2006, except for the Australian National University, which has announced an increase to commence in 2007.
- Preliminary first half 2005 data was used in calculations to derive the proportion of commencing students at each provider, which affects the number of students affected by the student contribution increases (previous estimates used a fixed percentage of 37% in 2005 for each provider).
- Funding agreement data was used to derive total load at each provider. Previous estimates used 2003 data.
- When converting EFTSL to student numbers, the ratio used is based on 2004 data for HECS liable load and HECS liable students. Previous estimates used the ratio between 2003 commencing domestic undergraduate load and students.