

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

1. Can domestic full fee paying students in their first year convert or transfer to become HECS-contribution students in second and subsequent years? If so, how many students does this apply to? Full details needed – full-time, part-time and by university if possible.
2. Have students taken out loans and then used that to repay their HECS contributions?

Answer:

1. **Students transferring from a domestic fee-paying place to a 'HECS'/Commonwealth supported place**

It is possible for students to transfer from a domestic fee-paying place to a Commonwealth supported ('HECS' prior to 2005) place, depending on the higher education provider's admission requirements. Information is only available for students that transfer from a fee-paying to a 'HECS'/Commonwealth supported place at the same higher education provider.

Attachment A lists the number of students (full, part-time and total) by higher education provider, that transferred from a domestic undergraduate fee-paying place to a 'HECS'/Commonwealth supported place in 2005, the most recent year for which final full year data is available.

2. **Students taking loans to repay HECS.**

Any eligible student in a 'HECS'/Commonwealth supported place may take out a loan to cover their HECS/student contribution under the former HECS or the current HECS-HELP schemes. Having been a fee-paying student for a previous part of a course does not affect eligibility.

Number of domestic undergraduate fee-paying students that transferred to a 'HECS'/Commonwealth supported place in 2005

Higher education provider	Full-time	Part-time	All students
Australian Catholic University	99	7	106
Avondale College	9	0	9
Central Queensland University	9	1	10
Charles Sturt University	7	38	45
Christian Heritage College	3	1	4
Curtin University of Technology	0	0	0
Deakin University	95	18	113
Edith Cowan University	4	1	5
James Cook University	6	0	6
La Trobe University	1	0	1
Monash University	107	28	135
Murdoch University	17	3	20
RMIT University	8	3	11
Southern Cross University	6	13	19
Swinburne University of Technology	89	3	92
The University of Adelaide	5	0	5
The University of Melbourne	301	8	309
The University of New England	0	0	0
The University of New South Wales	57	2	59
The University of Newcastle	0	0	0
The University of Notre Dame Australia	0	0	0
The University of Queensland	3	0	3
The University of Sydney	142	13	155
University of Ballarat	1	1	2
University of Canberra	0	0	0
University of Southern Queensland	0	1	1
University of Tasmania	166	27	193
Victoria University	2	0	2
Total	1,137	168	1,305

- Does not include transfers to a postgraduate, enabling or non-award course.
- Full-time/part-time status relates to the year the student commences studying as a 'HECS'/Commonwealth supported student.
- Students can only be identified as transferring from fee-paying to 'HECS'/Commonwealth supported at the same higher education provider.