

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.4 - Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E798_07

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

1. How many university places have been made available this year by cluster and degree?
2. Of those places, how many places have been filled? Can this be broken down by cluster category?
3. How many places in education and nursing? And how many places in mathematical sciences and the sciences?
4. Can you provide data on under- and over-enrolments in these areas?
5. Provide a comparison since 1996

Answer:

Higher Education Support Act 2003 - University places

1. Commonwealth supported places are not allocated on the basis of courses of study (except where new places are allocated to particular courses of study) but according to the Commonwealth Grant Scheme funding clusters. The number of Commonwealth supported places the Australian Government is funding in 2007 by funding cluster and the number of new places by course of study is available in higher education providers' funding agreements, which are tabled in Parliament.
2. Actual student enrolment data for 2007 will not be available until mid 2008.
3. See response to question 1.
4. See response to question 2.
5. Actual data on the number of places from 1996 to 2005 is published in the Higher Education Student Data Collection, available on the DEST website at: http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/publications_resources/statistics/publications_higher_education_statistics_collections.htm. Information on the number of Commonwealth supported places the Australian Government funded in 2006 and is funding in 2007 is available in providers' funding agreements, which are tabled in Parliament.