

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. E799_07

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

University funding arrangements are currently being negotiated for 2007.

1. Where is the process up to – how many universities have finalised funding arrangements with the Department/Commonwealth for 2007?
 - a. How many universities remain?
 - b. When are they likely to be completed?
2. How many universities have asked for a reduction in university placements?
 - a. Provide details of the universities, and under which clusters/disciplines these reductions have been sought.
 - b. Are those places being reallocated? Which disciplines?
3. What is the overall funding amount expected to be allocated for all universities in 2007?
 - a. What are the individual funding allocations to higher education providers in each of the funding clusters.
 - b. Provide breakdown if possible over the forward estimates (08/09, 09/10, 10/11)

Answer:

Higher Education Support Act 2003 - 2007 funding arrangements

1. Funding agreements for all 43 higher education providers with Commonwealth supported places were finalised at the end of 2006 and have been tabled in Parliament. The funding agreements for eight providers are currently being revised to reflect the reallocation of Commonwealth supported places from the University of New England. They will be tabled in Parliament within 15 sitting days of being made.
2. Seven higher education providers requested a reduction in their Commonwealth supported places in 2007 (this does not include those providers who may have had an overall reduction in load due to shifts from lower cost to higher cost clusters).
 - a. These institutions are the University of Canberra, Southern Cross University, the Australian Maritime College, James Cook University, the Australian National University, Edith Cowan University and the University of New England. For the University of Canberra, Southern Cross University, the Australian Maritime College, James Cook University and the Australian National University, the details of the clusters in which the reductions were sought were provided in response to DEST Question No. E674_07. Attachment A shows the clusters in which reductions were sought for Edith Cowan University and the University of New England.

- b. Four providers handed back places for reallocation to other providers – the Australian National University, Edith Cowan University, James Cook University and the University of New England. Places have been reallocated to providers as indicated in Attachment B.
- 3.
- a. The total funding for 2007 and the funding for each higher education provider is available in providers' funding agreements, which are tabled in Parliament.
 - b. Funding agreements are made on an annual basis and funding amounts for the forward estimates period for each provider are not available.

Attachment A

	Cluster 1	Cluster 2	Cluster 3	Cluster 4	Cluster 5	Cluster 6	Cluster 7	Cluster 8	Cluster 9	Cluster 10	Cluster 11	Cluster 12	Total
	EFTSL	EFTSL	EFTSL	EFTSL	EFTSL	EFTSL	EFTSL	EFTSL	EFTSL	EFTSL	EFTSL	EFTSL	EFTSL
Edith Cowan University ¹	-248	-405	-46	-25	31	-253	-373	36	14	-154	-35	46	-1,412
University of New England	0	0	-110	0	-140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-250

¹ The reduction comprises the hand back of 799 places for redistribution to other providers, the deferral of pipeline and some shifts between clusters.

Reallocation of Commonwealth supported places in 2007

Reallocation of Edith Cowan University's places

Higher education provider and course	Allocation in 2007 (EFTSL)	Places by 2010 (EFTSL)
Curtin University of Technology		
Bachelor of Science (Geology and Geophysics)	20	55
Engineering	50	137
Total	70	191
Murdoch University		
Veterinary science	40	109
Total	40	109
University of Notre Dame, Australia		
Teaching (Fremantle)	5	14
Total	5	14
University of Western Australia		
Bachelor of Engineering	40	109
Bachelor of Science	15	41
Total	55	150
Total places	170	465

Reallocation of James Cook University's places

Higher education provider and course	Allocation in 2007 (EFTSL)	Places by 2010 (EFTSL)
Australian Catholic University (Queensland)		
Bachelor of Social Work	10	27
Total	10	27
University of the Sunshine Coast		
Nutrition and dietetics	9	25
Teacher education: Early childhood	10	27
Total	19	52
Griffith University		
Bachelor of Engineering	5.5	15
Bachelor of Film and Screen Media	10	27
Bachelor of Commerce	5	14
Total	20.5	56
Queensland University of Technology		
Bachelor of Laws	6	16
Bachelor of Applied Science	5	14
Bachelor of Design (Architectural Engineering)	10	27
Total	21	57
University of Southern Queensland		
Education	30	82
Total	30	82
Total places	100.5	275

Reallocation of the University of New England's places

Higher education provider and funding cluster	Allocation (EFTSL)
Australian Catholic University (NSW)	
2 Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce	4
3 Humanities	19
7 Foreign Languages, Visual and Performing Arts	4
8 Engineering, Science, Surveying	3
11 Education	5
Total	35
University of New South Wales	
2 Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce	5
4 Mathematics, Statistics	3
5 Behavioural Science, Social Studies	4
6 Computing, Built Environment, Health	5
7 Foreign Languages, Visual and Performing Arts	4
8 Engineering, Science, Surveying	6
Total	27
University of Notre Dame, Australia (NSW)	
2 Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce	0.14
3 Humanities	7.12
4 Mathematics, Statistics	0.05
5 Behavioural Science, Social Studies	2.55
7 Foreign Languages, Visual and Performing Arts	0.90
11 Education	19.79
12 Nursing	0.09
Total	30.64
University of Wollongong	
5 Behavioural Science, Social Studies	30
Total	30
University of Sydney	
1 Law	10
2 Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce	28
3 Humanities	28
Total	66
Macquarie University	
3 Humanities	3
5 Behavioural Science, Social Studies	12
7 Foreign Languages, Visual and Performing Arts	2
11 Education	12
Total	29
University of Newcastle	
2 Accounting, Administration, Economics, Commerce	0.25
3 Humanities	0.05
4 Mathematics, Statistics	0.03
5 Behavioural Science, Social Studies	0.41
6 Computing, Built Environment, Health	23.15
7 Foreign Languages, Visual and Performing Arts	0.15
8 Engineering, Science, Surveying	1.93
10 Agriculture	0.02
11 Education	0.01
Total	26.00
Total places	243.636

Reallocation of the Australian National University's places

Higher education provider and course	Allocation in 2007 (EFTSL)	Places by 2010 (EFTSL)
University of Wollongong		
Graduate Diploma in Education, Bega (warehoused at Wollongong in 2007)	30	30
Undergraduate education, Wollongong	17	46
Total	47	76

Note – the reallocation of places from the University of New England represents a flat increase from 2007 to the providers' agreed profiles with no pipeline. The reallocation of places from the other three providers was done on the basis that the places be treated as commencing places with associated pipeline.