

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0906\_11**

**Senator Mason asked on 24/02/2011, Hansard page 105.**

**Question**

**AMOUNT SPENT PER YEAR ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Senator MASON—This question may be slightly difficult to answer, but I will ask it anyway. How much, roughly, does the Commonwealth spend each year in the tertiary sector—in universities—on the provision of teaching and learning? Dr Nicoll—Whilst I could hazard a guess, I do not think it is appropriate that I answer. Ms Paul—That is a question for us, Senator, and we will get that information for you. Senator MASON—Thank you. That would be great.

**Answer**

For the calendar year 2011, DEEWR is providing \$9.7 billion in funding to Higher Education Providers for teaching and learning (including HELP loans to students) under the Higher Education Support Act 2003.