

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

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

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

INDIAN STUDENTS STUDYING IN AUSTRALIA

Please advise the number of Indian students studying in Australian from 1 August 2007 to present. If there has been a decline in the number of Indian students, to what does the Department attribute the decline?

Answer

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010
No. of Indian Students	51,323	75,045	89,544	68,758

The decline in the number of Indian students in 2010 is likely due to a combination of factors including:

- the strong appreciation of the Australian dollar over this period;
- Competition from other countries in the international education market, including the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada;
- concerns over safety due to a number of attacks on Indian students in 2009 and 2010;
- enhanced integrity checking applied to Student visa applications; and
- recent reforms to the skilled migration program.