

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.4 – Funding for higher education

#### **DEST Question No. E044\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003

#### **Question:**

- a) Where is the funding for the two new medical schools, just announced, in the Budget?
- b) How much will the Commonwealth provide to each?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Medical Schools: Griffith and Notre Dame*

- a) There is no additional funding for new medical schools in the Budget as such. The Commonwealth has provided funding for an additional 234 medical school intake places from 2004. This was announced under the Health portfolio's statement, *Medicare – for all Australians*.

The Minister for Health and Ageing, in consultation with the Minister for Education, Science and Training, announced the allocation of the 234 intake places for 2004 on 5 June 2003. In allocating the places the Government has agreed to Commonwealth support for medical places at the University of Notre Dame Australia in Western Australia and Griffith University in Queensland. The Commonwealth intends to allocate 50 medical intake places to Griffith University and 30 medical intake places to the University of Notre Dame, Australia in 2005 if the schools have received accreditation from the Australian Medical Council.

Funding for the places of \$42.1 million over four years is provided for under outcome 2.4 of the DEST portfolio budget statements for 2003-04.

- b) The funding rate to be provided as university operating grant to universities per place (including the Higher Education Contribution Scheme) in 2004 is \$21,358 in *Higher Education Report for the 2003 to 2005 triennium* estimated 2003 prices. In 2005 the places will be funded under the new Commonwealth Grant Scheme.