

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. E049_04

Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003

Question:

- a) Has the Department held discussions with the University of Canberra regarding its Brisbane campus?
- b) How many students are enrolled there? (37-7 international and 30 local)
- c) What were the targets for UCan at this campus, in terms of local and international student numbers?
- d) Is the University's income from the campus on target? Is it making a loss?
- e) Are the domestic students fee-paying, or in HECS places?
- f) How is the University financing the operations of the campus?

Answer:

University of Canberra: Brisbane campus (UCBC) and financial statements

- a) Yes.
- b) The number of students presently at UCBC is 36. This is broken down into Bachelor of Information Technology (5), Bachelor Commerce (10), Bachelor of Business Administration (18), Master of International Business (2) and Graduate Diploma in International Business (1). Of these students, 31 are full-time while five are part-time.
- c) The University considers this information to be commercial in confidence.
- d) The Campus has only recently commenced operations and the University considers the income generation to be consistent with the stage of the Campus's development.
- e) Presently all domestic undergraduate students at UC (Bruce or Brisbane) are in HECS places.
- f) The University of Canberra has advised DEST that the Brisbane Campus is financed from a variety of sources.