

## 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. E050\_04**

Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2003

#### **Question:**

- a) Has the Department discussed with the University the reduction of 45% in its revenue from the line item “Other research financial assistance and contracts’ in 2002?
- b) What does this represent and why has the drop been so substantial – over \$2 million?
- c) What is the “Commonwealth Government financial assistance” provided to UCan, beyond the operating grant and associated monies, listed in the University’s financial statements under the “Other” heading?
- d) \$892,000 was provided in 2001 and \$1,662,000 in 2002. Why was this money provided? Under what program? Where is it reported in the Federal Budget documents?

#### **Answer:**

*University of Canberra: Brisbane campus and financial statements*

- a)b) No.
- c)d) \$1.662m. The University receives funding from various government agencies and this Department does not collect information on program level funding from other agencies. Note 2.1 to the University’s audited financial statements (attached) provided a list of those agencies. DEST contributed to \$0.652m of the \$1.622m reported. The majority of the funds provided by DEST (over \$0.5m) were from the Scaffolding Literacy Program – reading and writing for Indigenous students in remote schools which was reported under DEST’s Outcome 1 in the Portfolio Budget Statements.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2002

NOTE 2.1: COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (continued)

	CONSOLIDATED		UNIVERSITY	
	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2001 \$'000
National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd (NCVER) <i>Industry, Science and Technology</i>	20	10	20	10
Financial Assistance for Industrial Research and Development <i>Primary Industries and Energy</i>	(9)	-	(9)	-
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	221	185	221	185
Land and Water Resources Research & Development Corporation	62	130	62	130
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	107	121	107	98
Greening Australia	5	-	5	-
National Archives	120	-	120	-
Australian Federal Police	71	-	71	-
National Heritage Trust	172	-	172	-
Environment Australia	53	-	53	-
CSIRO	17	-	17	-
Health & Ageed Care	14	-	14	-
National Library	4	-	4	-
Department of Education	652	-	652	-
CIT	8	-	8	-
Department of Defence	64	-	64	-
National Gallery	10	-	10	-
Questacon	35	-	35	-
Department of Foreign Affairs	(1)	-	(1)	-
National Audit Office	5	-	5	-
Department of Family & Community Services	13	-	13	-
Centre for Health Programs	6	-	6	-
Australian Library Association	5	-	5	-
Beyond Blue	7	-	7	-
One Umbrella	1	-	1	-
	1,662	894	1,662	871
<b>Total Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance excluding HECS</b>	<b>36,373</b>	<b>37,824</b>	<b>36,373</b>	<b>37,801</b>

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