

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

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Senator Crossin asked on 5 June 2003

Question:

Is it determined how much of the National Priority funding will go to each category? The total announced is \$161m over 4 years – how much to indigenous, how much to teaching/nursing places?

Answer:

National Priority funding

The National Priority funding has a number of elements. The Commonwealth will provide additional funding for nursing and teaching to meet the costs associated with clinical practice in nursing and the teaching practicum. This includes \$40.4m from 2004 over four years for nursing and an additional \$81.4m from 2005 over three years for teaching. The Commonwealth will also provide an additional 210 nursing places in regional campuses from 2004 at a cost of \$17.1m over four years. This means that a total of \$138.9m will be spent on these initiatives for teaching and nursing.

The current places funded at Avondale College in teaching and at the University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA) in teaching, ICT and Indigenous education will be converted to national priority places. Of these some 120 places at UNDA are identified for Indigenous education.

A further \$22.1m will be allocated to private higher education institutions over four years from 2005 for student load in national priority areas on the basis of the Commonwealth's assessment of needs and priorities, in consultation with the States and Territories with regard to labour market needs.