

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 Carr asked on 5 June 2003

Question:

- a) Some universities have a large number of marginally-funded places don't they? For example, Charles Sturt. How many do they have? And La Trobe? Swinburne? QUT?
- b) Will these institutions lose these places, and the funds associated with them?
- c) How are they going to deal with this?

Answer:

Marginally funded places

- a) The following table shows the marginally funded load in 2002 for the institutions mentioned:

Charles Sturt University	3,907
La Trobe	1,197
Swinburne	904
QUT	2,239

- b) All over-enrolled places, and the associated marginal funding, will be phased out from 2005. Approximately 25,000 new Commonwealth supported places will be phased in simultaneous with the phase-out of over-enrolled places. These will be distributed according to the model to be developed over the coming months, after the State and Territory and the Commonwealth have considered the range of options.
- c) Individual institutions will deal with the phasing out of marginal funding according to their own particular circumstances. They will consider a range of factors, which may include their level of over-enrolment, any allocation of additional Commonwealth-supported places, their willingness to offer full fee paying places to domestic undergraduates and their particular strategic mission and educational profile.