

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. E130_04

Senator Crossin asked on 3 June 2003, EWRE Hansard page 265

Question:

To provide, without providing the graph, the figures that would be used in a graph that show the number of Indigenous students in higher education from 1996 to 2002.

The question was asked in the context of DEST providing this information on trends in Indigenous student numbers.

Answer:

Number of Indigenous Higher Education Students 1996-2002

Year	Students
1996	6,956
1997	7,461
1998	7,789
1999	8,001
2000	7,350
2001*	7,342
2002*	7,534
2001**	8,661
2002**	8,871

Note:

The scope of definitions of students changed between the 2001 and 2002 Higher Education Statistics Collections –

- The 2001 definition showed students undertaking units of study at 31 March 2001 with load in semester 1.
- The 2002 definition shows students undertaking units of study during the period 1 September 2001 to 31 August 2002.

* Numbers of students using the 2001 definition.

** Numbers of students using the 2002 definition.