

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

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Senator Harradine asked on 5 June 2003

Question:

Many students or their parents pay fees up front because they want to assist the student to avoid being in debt. How many students pay up front as compared to those who defer fees? Please provide a table showing this by university and state or territory and in total for the past five calendar years.

Answer:

Payment methods for HECS

The attached data tables display the payment methods of HECS-liable students by institution and state or territory for each year between 1998 and 2002 inclusive, showing the number of students who pay their HECS contribution up front compared to those who defer.

It should be noted that some holders of Australian permanent visas and most New Zealand citizens must pay their HECS contribution up front each semester. They are not eligible for the 25 per cent up front payment discount and cannot defer their HECS payments. This category of student is referred to as 'HECS – Paid up front without discount' in the attached tables.

It should also be noted that the total number of students in the attached tables may be less than the sum of the HECS payment method categories because some students may exercise more than one payment option within the same year and may appear in more than one category. For example, an eligible student may elect, in one year, to pay up front with a discount in Semester 1 and then to defer their HECS in Semester 2, thus being counted in both categories, but only being counted once in the total number of students for the year.

Table 1: All HECS Liable Students by State/Territory, Institution and Payment Method in 1998

State/Institution		Payment Method			TOTAL
		HECS - Liability deferred	HECS - Paid up front with discount	HECS - Paid up front without discount	
New South Wales	Australian Film, Television and Radio School	10	0	0	10
	Avondale College	140	36	14	188
	Charles Sturt University	11,684	7,840	116	19,100
	Macquarie University	10,085	4,966	59	14,236
	National Institute of Dramatic Art	119	37	1	156
	Southern Cross University	6,285	1,923	24	8,106
	The University of New England	8,797	4,820	99	13,212
	The University of New South Wales	12,403	5,625	106	17,554
	The University of Newcastle	12,039	3,833	28	15,372
	The University of Sydney	18,347	8,331	128	26,213
	University of Technology, Sydney	11,970	6,856	47	17,649
	University of Western Sydney	18,890	7,126	67	25,054
	University of Wollongong	7,104	2,959	12	9,856
	State Sub-total	117,873	54,352	701	166,706
Victoria	Deakin University	16,297	5,183	74	21,210
	La Trobe University	15,323	3,567	25	18,732
	Monash University	22,568	7,282	60	29,543
	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	14,251	4,642	70	18,552
	Swinburne University of Technology	6,860	1,575	18	8,340
	The University of Melbourne	17,985	6,839	96	24,341
	University of Ballarat	3,509	554	9	4,040
	Victoria University of Technology	12,414	2,912	25	14,792
	State Sub-total	109,207	32,554	377	139,550
Queensland	Central Queensland University	7,585	3,039	51	10,405
	Griffith University	14,988	4,252	118	19,013
	James Cook University	6,758	2,072	40	8,663
	Queensland University of Technology	21,499	7,494	157	28,650
	The University of Queensland	17,808	6,500	112	23,993
	University of Southern Queensland	8,223	4,607	86	12,621
	State Sub-total	76,861	27,964	564	103,345
Western Australia	Curtin University of Technology	12,948	4,743	57	17,396
	Edith Cowan University	13,546	4,911	78	18,263
	Murdoch University	6,889	2,019	33	8,776
	The University of Western Australia	7,599	2,843	26	10,303
	State Sub-total	40,982	14,516	194	54,738
South Australia	The Flinders University of South Australia	7,667	2,177	22	9,752
	The University of Adelaide	8,669	2,297	21	10,829
	University of South Australia	15,780	5,366	40	20,786
	State Sub-total	32,116	9,840	83	41,367
Tasmania	Australian Maritime College	234	136	19	380
	University of Tasmania	8,420	2,023	28	10,367
	State Sub-total	8,654	2,159	47	10,747
Northern Territory	Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	411	0	0	411
	Northern Territory University	2,598	1,284	23	3,832
	State Sub-total	3,009	1,284	23	4,243
Australian Capital Territory	Australian Defence Force Academy	19	27	1	47
	The Australian National University	5,546	1,857	23	7,233
	University of Canberra	5,928	2,014	22	7,797
	State Sub-total	11,493	3,898	46	15,077
Multi-State	Australian Catholic University	7,133	2,861	26	9,853
	State Sub-total	7,133	2,861	26	9,853
TOTAL		407,328	149,428	2,061	545,626

Table 2: All HECS Liable Students by State/Territory, Institution and Payment Method in 1999

State/Institution		Payment Method			TOTAL
		HECS - Liability deferred	HECS - Paid up front with discount	HECS - Paid up front without discount	
New South Wales	Avondale College	148	36	12	191
	Charles Sturt University	12,147	7,250	134	18,877
	Macquarie University	10,393	4,903	79	14,586
	National Institute of Dramatic Art	119	29	0	148
	Southern Cross University	6,443	1,845	44	8,148
	The University of New England	9,115	4,726	119	13,428
	The University of New South Wales	12,264	5,196	406	17,335
	The University of Newcastle	11,878	3,485	43	14,973
	The University of Sydney	18,906	7,830	197	26,371
	University of Technology, Sydney	11,705	6,489	109	17,202
	University of Western Sydney	19,888	6,836	136	25,691
	University of Wollongong	7,364	2,758	20	9,939
	State Sub-total	120,370	51,383	1,299	166,889
Victoria	Deakin University	15,295	4,520	117	19,652
	La Trobe University	15,267	3,390	35	18,529
	Monash University	22,038	6,655	90	28,406
	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	14,402	4,215	77	18,375
	Swinburne University of Technology	7,149	1,454	11	8,511
	The University of Melbourne	17,645	6,406	105	23,456
	University of Ballarat	3,616	503	12	4,083
	Victoria University of Technology	12,543	2,682	14	14,750
	State Sub-total	107,955	29,825	461	135,762
Queensland	Central Queensland University	7,810	2,777	51	10,390
	Griffith University	15,894	3,885	142	19,599
	James Cook University	7,302	2,217	60	9,300
	Queensland University of Technology	19,531	6,323	203	25,543
	The University of Queensland	18,294	6,154	126	24,084
	University of Southern Queensland	8,260	4,302	119	12,398
	University of the Sunshine Coast	2,113	328	9	2,411
	State Sub-total	79,204	25,986	710	103,725
Western Australia	Curtin University of Technology	12,840	4,247	86	16,814
	Edith Cowan University	13,757	4,352	87	17,908
	Murdoch University	6,972	1,857	32	8,710
	The University of Notre Dame Australia	78	64	0	137
	The University of Western Australia	7,885	2,891	41	10,659
	State Sub-total	41,532	13,411	246	54,228
South Australia	The Flinders University of South Australia	7,812	2,004	18	9,682
	The University of Adelaide	8,431	2,162	34	10,453
	University of South Australia	16,079	4,937	47	20,658
	State Sub-total	32,322	9,103	99	40,793
Tasmania	Australian Maritime College	233	143	22	393
	University of Tasmania	8,821	1,916	27	10,612
	State Sub-total	9,054	2,059	49	11,005
Northern Territory	Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	494	0	0	494
	Northern Territory University	2,952	1,284	14	4,134
	State Sub-total	3,446	1,284	14	4,628
Australian Capital Territory	Australian Defence Force Academy	17	20	0	37
	The Australian National University	5,470	1,745	21	7,023
	University of Canberra	5,681	1,756	26	7,329
	State Sub-total	11,168	3,521	47	14,389
Multi-State	Australian Catholic University	6,787	2,573	15	9,245
	State Sub-total	6,787	2,573	15	9,245

TOTAL	411,838	139,145	2,940	540,664
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Table 3: All HECS Liable Students by State/Territory, Institution and Payment Method in 2000

State/Institution		Payment Method			TOTAL
		HECS - Liability deferred	HECS - Paid up front with discount	HECS - Paid up front without discount	
New South Wales	Avondale College	166	39	6	210
	Charles Sturt University	13,054	6,919	132	19,476
	Macquarie University	10,107	4,786	91	14,342
	National Institute of Dramatic Art	133	27	0	160
	Southern Cross University	6,434	1,734	39	7,991
	The University of New England	9,102	4,456	141	13,202
	The University of New South Wales	13,215	5,786	423	18,793
	The University of Newcastle	11,892	3,238	42	14,731
	The University of Sydney	18,982	7,751	243	26,421
	University of Technology, Sydney	11,745	6,488	102	17,278
	University of Western Sydney	19,075	6,581	125	24,746
	University of Wollongong	7,232	2,556	17	9,598
	State Sub-total	121,137	50,361	1,361	166,948
Victoria	Deakin University	15,445	4,268	127	19,603
	La Trobe University	14,774	3,060	38	17,685
	Monash University	21,944	6,130	91	27,845
	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	14,171	4,093	123	18,009
	Swinburne University of Technology	6,820	1,371	10	8,114
	The University of Melbourne	17,065	6,188	143	22,597
	University of Ballarat	3,486	504	8	3,971
	Victoria University of Technology	12,379	2,392	14	14,263
	State Sub-total	106,084	28,006	554	132,087
Queensland	Central Queensland University	8,368	2,585	43	10,613
	Griffith University	16,652	3,713	211	20,255
	James Cook University	7,941	2,067	43	9,742
	Queensland University of Technology	20,094	6,015	150	25,709
	The University of Queensland	18,128	5,724	130	23,584
	University of Southern Queensland	8,456	4,028	106	12,349
	University of the Sunshine Coast	2,319	374	16	2,677
	State Sub-total	81,958	24,506	699	104,929
Western Australia	Curtin University of Technology	12,595	4,194	82	16,107
	Edith Cowan University	13,637	4,046	98	17,511
	Murdoch University	6,977	1,726	33	8,557
	The University of Notre Dame Australia	247	105	0	326
	The University of Western Australia	7,863	2,741	70	10,512
	State Sub-total	41,319	12,812	283	53,013
South Australia	The Flinders University of South Australia	7,734	1,738	19	9,359
	The University of Adelaide	8,055	2,083	34	10,016
	University of South Australia	15,707	4,565	34	19,909
	State Sub-total	31,496	8,386	87	39,284
Tasmania	Australian Maritime College	223	112	17	346
	University of Tasmania	8,644	1,915	21	10,461
	State Sub-total	8,867	2,027	38	10,807
Northern Territory	Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	539	2	0	541
	Northern Territory University	2,991	1,338	23	4,254
	State Sub-total	3,530	1,340	23	4,795
Australian Capital Territory	Australian Defence Force Academy	12	10	1	22
	The Australian National University	5,284	1,695	32	6,840
	University of Canberra	5,436	1,690	18	7,034
	State Sub-total	10,732	3,395	51	13,896
Multi-State	Australian Catholic University	6,369	2,275	20	8,573
	State Sub-total	6,369	2,275	20	8,573

TOTAL	411,492	133,108	3,116	534,332
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Table 4: All HECS Liable Students by State/Territory, Institution and Payment Method in 2001

State/Institution		Payment Method			TOTAL
		HECS - Liability deferred	HECS - Paid up front with discount	HECS - Paid up front without discount	
New South Wales	Avondale College	183	36	5	220
	Charles Sturt University	14,055	7,355	153	20,918
	Macquarie University	10,079	4,977	90	14,438
	National Institute of Dramatic Art	126	30	3	156
	Southern Cross University	6,825	1,857	44	8,479
	The University of New England	9,647	4,355	148	13,710
	The University of New South Wales	14,143	6,243	476	20,048
	The University of Newcastle	12,080	3,129	42	14,681
	The University of Sydney	18,967	7,768	250	26,349
	University of Technology, Sydney	12,043	6,497	113	17,548
	University of Western Sydney	19,121	6,491	102	24,566
	University of Wollongong	7,471	2,535	43	9,862
	State Sub-total	124,740	51,273	1,469	170,975
Victoria	Deakin University	15,682	4,333	118	19,791
	La Trobe University	15,043	2,919	34	17,794
	Monash University	22,148	6,076	110	27,868
	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	13,915	3,604	125	17,256
	Swinburne University of Technology	6,399	1,249	15	7,586
	The University of Melbourne	17,710	5,949	175	22,532
	University of Ballarat	3,427	504	6	3,890
	Victoria University of Technology	11,700	2,358	21	13,633
	State Sub-total	106,024	26,992	604	130,350
Queensland	Central Queensland University	8,427	2,411	31	10,309
	Griffith University	17,881	3,498	224	21,309
	James Cook University	8,453	2,067	54	10,224
	Queensland University of Technology	21,409	5,982	247	26,881
	The University of Queensland	18,896	5,692	161	24,333
	University of Southern Queensland	9,188	4,090	126	13,114
	University of the Sunshine Coast	2,589	372	19	2,925
	State Sub-total	86,843	24,112	862	109,095
Western Australia	Curtin University of Technology	12,424	4,416	138	16,195
	Edith Cowan University	13,658	3,562	103	17,068
	Murdoch University	7,311	1,655	28	8,797
	The University of Notre Dame Australia	372	119	0	437
	The University of Western Australia	8,017	2,746	95	10,685
	State Sub-total	41,782	12,498	364	53,182
South Australia	The Flinders University of South Australia	7,758	1,627	23	9,272
	The University of Adelaide	8,523	2,235	42	10,570
	University of South Australia	15,493	4,499	37	19,616
	State Sub-total	31,774	8,361	102	39,458
Tasmania	Australian Maritime College	220	106	13	337
	University of Tasmania	8,878	1,548	25	10,291
	State Sub-total	9,098	1,654	38	10,628
Northern Territory	Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	542	0	0	542
	Northern Territory University	3,074	1,275	29	4,293
	State Sub-total	3,616	1,275	29	4,835
Australian Capital Territory	Australian Defence Force Academy	7	2	0	9
	The Australian National University	5,224	1,749	33	6,818
	University of Canberra	5,378	1,658	15	6,942
	State Sub-total	10,609	3,409	48	13,769
Multi-State	Australian Catholic University	6,377	1,997	32	8,293
	State Sub-total	6,377	1,997	32	8,293

TOTAL	420,863	131,571	3,548	540,585
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Table 5: All HECS Liable Students by State/Territory, Institution and Payment Method in 2002

State/Institution		Payment Method			TOTAL
		HECS - Liability deferred	HECS - Paid up front with discount	HECS - Paid up front without discount	
New South Wales	Avondale College	201	30	6	231
	Charles Sturt University	14,790	6,925	141	20,973
	Macquarie University	9,681	5,220	90	14,240
	National Institute of Dramatic Art	130	34	5	169
	Southern Cross University	7,027	1,879	39	8,709
	The University of New England	10,263	4,450	161	14,425
	The University of New South Wales	14,732	6,414	524	20,873
	The University of Newcastle	12,598	3,214	33	15,286
	The University of Sydney	18,722	8,004	249	26,436
	University of Technology, Sydney	11,862	6,364	127	17,289
	University of Western Sydney	18,322	6,268	102	23,548
	University of Wollongong	8,049	2,555	29	10,399
	State Sub-total	126,377	51,357	1,506	172,578
Victoria	Deakin University	15,400	4,387	127	19,484
	La Trobe University	15,778	3,097	54	18,719
	Monash University	21,846	6,154	207	27,681
	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	14,610	3,394	131	17,586
	Swinburne University of Technology	6,274	1,228	17	7,442
	The University of Melbourne	17,425	6,114	166	22,429
	University of Ballarat	3,388	571	5	3,931
	Victoria University of Technology	11,359	2,234	30	13,217
	State Sub-total	106,080	27,179	737	130,489
Queensland	Central Queensland University	8,282	2,394	27	10,236
	Griffith University	17,938	3,505	195	21,234
	James Cook University	8,739	2,186	60	10,637
	Queensland University of Technology	23,049	6,000	296	28,528
	The University of Queensland	19,238	5,680	174	24,638
	University of Southern Queensland	9,419	4,101	143	13,406
	University of the Sunshine Coast	2,800	409	14	3,179
	State Sub-total	89,465	24,275	909	111,858
Western Australia	Curtin University of Technology	12,852	4,345	113	16,747
	Edith Cowan University	14,051	3,483	111	17,387
	Murdoch University	7,436	1,701	30	8,988
	The University of Notre Dame Australia	383	106	0	457
	The University of Western Australia	7,904	2,810	107	10,634
	State Sub-total	42,626	12,445	361	54,213
South Australia	The Flinders University of South Australia	8,142	1,744	28	9,725
	The University of Adelaide	9,171	2,348	27	11,016
	University of South Australia	15,479	4,385	46	19,437
	State Sub-total	32,792	8,477	101	40,178
Tasmania	Australian Maritime College	257	119	15	388
	University of Tasmania	9,281	1,435	22	10,537
	State Sub-total	9,538	1,554	37	10,925
Northern Territory	Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	507	6	0	509
	Northern Territory University	3,206	1,355	30	4,497
	State Sub-total	3,713	1,361	30	5,006
Australian Capital Territory	Australian Defence Force Academy	5	0	0	5
	The Australian National University	5,640	1,920	41	7,369
	University of Canberra	5,389	1,770	10	7,050
	State Sub-total	11,034	3,690	51	14,424
Multi-State	Australian Catholic University	6,675	1,929	29	8,502
	State Sub-total	6,675	1,929	29	8,502

TOTAL	428,300	132,267	3,761	548,173
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