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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E083_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Refers to E799_04

Question:

In answer E799_04 you state that:

The Department calculated that 1360 places would be required from 2007 to keep pace with anticipated population change.

Can you indicate what the base year for this calculation is? Is that to maintain participation rates at 2007 levels?

Are you aware of research posted on the Griffith University website which draws on the work of, amongst others, David Phillips's *Independent Study of Higher Education* which finds that an additional 16,000 places are required to maintain participation rates at 2002 levels as a proportion of the adult population?

What would the answer to E799_04 be if the base year for the calculations were 2002?

Answer:

Growth places

- (i) The base year for calculation was 2003. This calculation referred to the number of places required to meet anticipated population change. It did not attempt to address the issue of participation rates
- (ii) The Department is aware of David Phillips' *Independent Study of Higher Education*.
- (iii) For the purposes of the Review of Higher Education, calculations were only undertaken using 2003 as the base year.

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DEST Question No. E799_04

Senator Carr ASKED ON 20 February, EWRE Hansard page 23.

Question:

How many growth places would you need to keep pace with normal demographic change?

Answer:

Growth places

As a part of the Higher Education Review, the Department calculated that 1360 places would be required from 2007 to keep pace with the anticipated population change.

Whilst 1400 growth places were originally intended to be introduced into the sector in 2007 to account for this, amendments to the reform package saw this number double to 2800 places (pipelining to 6700 in 2008).