

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E118_05

Senator Carr asked on 3 June 2004, EWRE Hansard page 42.

Question:

What is the total student enrolment this year?

What is it seven per cent of?

[Dr Nicoll had stated that as a sector average over enrolment was 7.06 for the 2003 data]

Answer:

Student Enrolment

1) We are currently unable to provide total student enrolment figures for 2004 as universities have not yet supplied full year enrolment data. However we can detail that the target for Commonwealth fully funded places for 2004 is 397,335 EFTSU.

2) The 7 per cent average is based on 2003 over-enrolment figures. The total Commonwealth fully funded places for 2003 was 395,270 whilst actual enrolment of HECS students across the sector was 423,161, meaning there was an over-enrolment of 27,891 EFTSU, which is 7.056 per cent of the fully funded total.