

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

- Outcomes:** 1 & 2
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for Schools
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3.1 – Research infrastructure

DEST Question No. E066_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No E087_06.

Question:

E087_06

Please provide Budget figures from 1995-96 to the end of the current forward estimates detailing Commonwealth spending on: Universities (excluding money advanced to universities on behalf of students under various loan schemes) Government schools, Catholic systemic schools, Independent non-government schools.

Please provide the same figures as a proportion of; GDP, total government expenditure and total government revenue

Answer:

Australian Government spending on universities and schools

The attached table provides Australian Government actual and estimated spending on universities and schools for the period 1995 to 2009.

Australian Government Spending on Universities and Australian Schools

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Universities	4,355.70	4,342.14	4,211.10	4,090.60	4,056.58	4,093.24	4,214.44	4,424.43	4,683.44	5,055.12	5,520.69	5,926.26	6,189.61	6,354.71
% of GDP	0.74	0.72	0.66	0.61	0.59	0.58	0.57	0.58	0.59	0.63	0.67	0.69	0.70	0.69
% of Total Govt Exp	3.44	3.19	3.08	2.72	2.56	2.61	2.53	2.61	2.57	2.59	2.68	2.76	2.75	2.69
% of Total Govt Rev	3.58	3.06	2.87	2.69	2.43	2.53	2.59	2.53	2.50	2.49	2.57	2.66	2.65	2.59
State schools	922.65	977.44	1,043.10	1,086.19	1,144.21	1,241.69	1,329.82	1,409.71	1,513.90	1,622.35	1,734.52	1,851.17	1,967.83	2,086.32
% of GDP	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.23
% of Total Govt Exp	0.73	0.72	0.76	0.72	0.72	0.79	0.80	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.84	0.86	0.87	0.88
% of Total Govt Rev	0.76	0.69	0.71	0.72	0.69	0.77	0.82	0.80	0.81	0.80	0.81	0.83	0.84	0.85
Catholic schools	1,055.10	1,162.26	1,316.28	1,476.37	1,639.28	1,887.74	2,101.02	2,250.10	2,446.37	2,700.11	2,961.70	3,193.63	3,430.32	3,675.04
% of GDP	0.18	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.24	0.27	0.29	0.30	0.31	0.34	0.36	0.37	0.39	0.40
% of Total Govt Exp	0.83	0.86	0.96	0.98	1.03	1.20	1.26	1.33	1.34	1.38	1.44	1.49	1.52	1.55
% of Total Govt Rev	0.87	0.82	0.90	0.97	0.98	1.17	1.29	1.28	1.30	1.33	1.38	1.43	1.47	1.50
Independent schools	603.12	656.50	739.73	826.84	933.90	1,023.67	1,129.22	1,290.49	1,496.17	1,678.99	1,816.27	1,962.10	2,113.31	2,270.54
% of GDP	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.17	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.24	0.25
% of Total Govt Exp	0.48	0.48	0.54	0.55	0.59	0.65	0.68	0.76	0.82	0.86	0.88	0.91	0.94	0.96
% of Total Govt Rev	0.50	0.46	0.50	0.54	0.56	0.63	0.69	0.74	0.80	0.83	0.85	0.88	0.91	0.93
GDP	584,868	607,035	634,109	667,780	692,889	707,140	734,575	758,147	789,170	804,953	829,102	858,121	888,155	917,020
Total Govt Exp	126,689	135,933	136,603	150,183	158,392	156,783	166,525	169,247	182,005	195,012	206,081	214,806	225,400	236,568
Total Govt Rev	121,688	141,688	146,820	151,897	166,875	161,789	162,599	175,191	187,559	202,666	214,511	222,882	233,405	245,326

Note: Financial year figures are derived from an average of calendar year figures. Figures for 1995-96 to 2003-04 are based on actual data, whilst figures for 2005-06 to 2008-09 are estimates.

Sources:

Higher Education data

NB: Excludes Higher Education Contribution/Higher Education Loans.

Higher Education Triennium Reports for 1995 to 2004 (actual data)

DEST estimates for 2005 to 2009

Schools Data

NB: Includes schools funding appropriated under the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Acts* 1992 to 2000 and *Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) Act* 2004 only.

Report on Financial Assistance for 1995 to 2003 (actual data)

DEST estimates for 2005 to 2009

Preliminary actual data for 2004

GDP, Total Government expenditure and revenue

Chain volume (real) GDP figures sourced from Ausstats *5206.0 Australian National Accounts - National Income, Expenditure and Product - Dec Qtr 2004*

Total Government expenditure/outlays and Total Government revenue sourced from *Budget Paper No. 1* for 1995-96 to 2005-06