

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2  
**Output Group:** 2.4 – Funding for higher education

#### DEST Question No. E311\_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

*Refers to DEST Question Nos. E462\_05 and E833\_05*

#### Question:

In the November and February rounds you provided figures on the extra debt being incurred under HECS-HELP loans as a result of increases allowed under the Government's 2003 legislation and the number of students and the student load affected.

Do you have any updates of the figures provided in answers E462 (extra debt and EFTSL) and E833 (number of individual students affected and proportion of students affected in each state and territory) to take account of decisions by:

- UWS
- Charles Sturt
- Wollongong
- SCU
- Central Queensland
- JCU
- Curtin, and
- VU (up from 15% to 25%)

- (a) to increase HECS from 2006?
- (b) Do you also have these projections out to 2009?
- (c) If not, please take on notice and include the impact of any decisions taken by other universities to increase their HECS fees between now and the time the question is answered.

#### Answer:

##### *Increased student contributions*

(a), (b) and (c) The estimated equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL) and students affected by an announced increase in student contributions, and the amount of additional revenue higher education providers may expect from these increases, is at Attachment A.

The proportion of students affected by an increase in student contributions in each State and Territory is at Attachment B.

The following assumptions were used in the calculations:

- Decision and scope of 2006 decisions/initial indications are based on reports in the media.

- Increases will only apply to commencing students - estimated to be 37% of EFTSL in 2005, 54% of EFTSL in 2006, 74% of EFTSL in 2007, 87% of EFTSL in 2008, and 100% of EFTSL in 2009.
- All current and future students will be affected by the increased student contributions. This does not take account of any decisions that providers may take under the provisions of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* to apply different contribution rates to particular student cohorts.
- Assumes providers will maintain the same percentage increase in student contributions for 2007, 2008 and 2009 as indicated in 2005 and 2006.
- 2003 actual EFTSU was used as the basis for calculations of EFTSL.
- The estimated number of commencing students is the estimated commencing load at each provider multiplied by the student to load ratio for domestic commencing undergraduates in 2003 for each provider.
- Students in National Priority areas at providers that have set some student contributions above the 2004 HECS rates (indexed) are included as being subject to higher student contributions. This is because these students may undertake units of study outside the nursing and education clusters.

*Estimated EFTSL and students affected by increases in student contributions, and additional revenue higher education providers may expect from these increases, 2005 to 2006*

Higher Education Provider	2005			2006		
	Estimated EFTSL paying a higher rate of student contribution than the 2004 HECS rates (indexed)	Estimated students paying a higher rate of student contribution than the 2004 HECS rates (indexed)	Additional revenue expected from the increased student contributions (\$ million)	Estimated EFTSL paying a higher rate of student contribution than the 2004 HECS rates (indexed)	Estimated students paying a higher rate of student contribution than the 2004 HECS rates (indexed)	Additional revenue expected from the increased student contributions (\$ million)
<b>New South Wales</b>						
Avondale College	192	228	0.1	280	333	0.2
Charles Sturt University	0	0	0.0	5,433	7,543	5.3
Macquarie University	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Southern Cross University	0	0	0.0	2,978	4,426	3.0
The University of New England	2,980	5,210	2.2	4,349	7,603	3.3
The University of New South Wales	0	0	0.0	9,106	10,062	11.4
The University of Newcastle	4,995	5,819	5.0	7,290	8,493	7.5
The University of Sydney	8,657	9,460	9.8	12,635	13,806	14.6
University of Technology, Sydney	4,859	5,415	5.6	7,091	7,903	8.4
University of Western Sydney	0	0	0.0	10,072	11,798	10.7
University of Wollongong	0	0	0.0	4,743	5,526	5.1
<b>Total for New South Wales</b>	<b>21,683</b>	<b>26,132</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>63,977</b>	<b>77,493</b>	<b>69.5</b>
<b>Victoria</b>						
Deakin University	5,176	6,810	4.7	7,554	9,939	6.6
La Trobe University	5,793	6,597	6.1	8,455	9,629	9.1
Monash University	7,944	9,376	9.0	11,594	13,684	13.5
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	4,946	5,639	5.6	7,218	8,230	8.3
Swinburne University of Technology	2,025	2,397	1.5	2,956	3,498	3.1
University of Ballarat	1,265	1,447	1.1	1,846	2,112	1.6
The University of Melbourne	7,026	7,472	7.9	10,255	10,905	11.7
Victoria University of Technology	3,669	4,471	2.5	5,355	6,525	6.1
<b>Total for Victoria</b>	<b>37,845</b>	<b>44,210</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>55,233</b>	<b>64,522</b>	<b>60.0</b>
<b>Queensland</b>						
Central Queensland University	0	0	0.0	1,523	2,123	1.2
Griffith University	6,092	7,271	6.1	8,892	10,611	9.1
James Cook University	0	0	0.0	4,283	6,016	4.3
Queensland University of Technology	7,751	9,685	7.9	11,312	14,134	11.8
The University of Queensland	7,485	8,605	9.2	10,924	12,558	13.8
University of Southern Queensland	2,746	4,965	2.0	4,008	7,247	2.9
University of the Sunshine Coast	847	1,120	1.0	1,236	1,635	1.5
<b>Total for Queensland</b>	<b>24,921</b>	<b>31,646</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>42,178</b>	<b>54,325</b>	<b>44.6</b>
<b>Western Australia</b>						
Curtin University of Technology	0	0	0.0	6,971	8,448	8.4
Edith Cowan University	4,439	6,027	3.7	6,478	8,796	5.5
Murdoch University	2,442	3,226	2.1	3,564	4,708	3.1
The University of Notre Dame Australia	202	259	0.1	271	348	0.1
The University of Western Australia	3,561	3,805	4.5	5,197	5,553	6.8
<b>Total for Western Australia</b>	<b>10,643</b>	<b>13,316</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>22,481</b>	<b>27,853</b>	<b>23.9</b>
<b>South Australia</b>						
The Flinders University of South Australia	2,965	3,530	3.0	4,327	5,152	4.4
The University of Adelaide	3,657	4,017	4.6	5,338	5,863	6.8
University of South Australia	5,167	6,536	5.0	7,540	9,539	7.5
<b>Total for South Australia</b>	<b>11,788</b>	<b>14,083</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>17,205</b>	<b>20,553</b>	<b>18.8</b>
<b>Tasmania</b>						
Australian Maritime College	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
University of Tasmania	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
<b>Total for Tasmania</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Darwin University	77	126	0.0	718	1,176	0.4
<b>Total for Northern Territory</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>						
The Australian National University	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
University of Canberra	2,038	2,851	1.6	2,974	4,162	2.8
Australian Catholic University	0	0	0.0	1,143	4,294	1.4
<b>Total for Australian Capital Territory</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>2,851</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4,117</b>	<b>8,456</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108,995</b>	<b>132,364</b>	<b>112.2</b>	<b>205,908</b>	<b>254,379</b>	<b>221.4</b>

*Estimated EFTSL and students affected by increases in student contributions, and additional revenue higher education providers may expect from these increases, 2007 to 2008*

Higher Education Provider	2007			2008		
	Estimated EFTSL paying a higher rate of student contribution than the 2004 HECS rates (indexed)	Estimated students paying a higher rate of student contribution than the 2004 HECS rates (indexed)	Additional revenue expected from the increased student contributions (\$ million)	Estimated EFTSL paying a higher rate of student contribution than the 2004 HECS rates (indexed)	Estimated students paying a higher rate of student contribution than the 2004 HECS rates (indexed)	Additional revenue expected from the increased student contributions (\$ million)
<b>New South Wales</b>						
Avondale College	384	456	0.3	452	536	0.3
Charles Sturt University	7,445	10,336	7.4	8,753	12,152	8.9
Macquarie University	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Southern Cross University	4,081	6,066	4.2	4,798	7,131	5.0
The University of New England	5,960	10,420	4.6	7,007	12,250	5.5
The University of New South Wales	12,478	13,789	15.9	14,670	16,211	19.1
The University of Newcastle	9,990	11,639	10.4	11,745	13,683	12.5
The University of Sydney	17,315	18,919	20.5	20,357	22,243	24.6
University of Technology, Sydney	9,717	10,830	11.7	11,424	12,733	14.1
University of Western Sydney	13,802	16,168	15.0	16,227	19,008	18.0
University of Wollongong	6,500	7,572	7.2	7,641	8,903	8.6
<b>Total for New South Wales</b>	<b>87,672</b>	<b>106,194</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>103,074</b>	<b>124,850</b>	<b>116.6</b>
<b>Victoria</b>						
Deakin University	10,352	13,620	8.5	12,170	16,012	9.5
La Trobe University	11,587	13,195	12.8	13,622	15,513	15.4
Monash University	15,889	18,753	18.9	18,680	22,047	22.7
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	9,891	11,279	11.6	11,629	13,260	14.0
Swinburne University of Technology	4,051	4,793	4.8	4,762	5,635	6.0
University of Ballarat	2,529	2,894	2.3	2,973	3,403	2.7
The University of Melbourne	14,053	14,945	16.4	16,521	17,570	19.7
Victoria University of Technology	7,339	8,941	8.6	8,628	10,512	10.3
<b>Total for Victoria</b>	<b>75,689</b>	<b>88,419</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>88,986</b>	<b>103,952</b>	<b>100.3</b>
<b>Queensland</b>						
Central Queensland University	2,764	3,854	2.1	3,631	5,063	2.9
Griffith University	12,185	14,542	12.8	14,326	17,096	15.4
James Cook University	5,870	8,244	6.1	6,901	9,692	7.3
Queensland University of Technology	15,501	19,369	16.5	18,224	22,772	19.9
The University of Queensland	14,970	17,210	19.3	17,599	20,233	23.2
University of Southern Queensland	5,493	9,931	4.1	6,458	11,675	4.9
University of the Sunshine Coast	1,694	2,240	2.2	1,991	2,634	2.6
<b>Total for Queensland</b>	<b>58,476</b>	<b>75,389</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>69,130</b>	<b>89,166</b>	<b>76.2</b>
<b>Western Australia</b>						
Curtin University of Technology	9,553	11,577	11.7	11,231	13,611	14.1
Edith Cowan University	8,877	12,054	7.7	10,437	14,171	9.2
Murdoch University	4,883	6,452	4.3	5,741	7,585	5.2
The University of Notre Dame Australia	353	453	0.2	406	522	0.2
The University of Western Australia	7,122	7,609	9.5	8,373	8,946	11.4
<b>Total for Western Australia</b>	<b>30,788</b>	<b>38,145</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>36,188</b>	<b>44,835</b>	<b>40.1</b>
<b>South Australia</b>						
The Flinders University of South Australia	5,929	7,060	6.2	6,971	8,300	7.4
The University of Adelaide	7,315	8,034	9.6	8,600	9,446	11.5
University of South Australia	10,333	13,072	10.5	12,148	15,368	12.6
<b>Total for South Australia</b>	<b>23,577</b>	<b>28,166</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>27,719</b>	<b>33,114</b>	<b>31.5</b>
<b>Tasmania</b>						
Australian Maritime College	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
University of Tasmania	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
<b>Total for Tasmania</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Northern Territory</b>						
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Charles Darwin University	1,359	2,227	0.9	2,000	3,277	1.7
<b>Total for Northern Territory</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>2,227</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>3,277</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>						
The Australian National University	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
University of Canberra	4,076	5,703	4.1	4,792	6,705	5.0
Australian Catholic University	2,075	5,884	2.5	2,726	6,918	3.4
<b>Total for Australian Capital Territory</b>	<b>6,151</b>	<b>11,587</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7,518</b>	<b>13,623</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>283,712</b>	<b>350,128</b>	<b>311.4</b>	<b>334,616</b>	<b>412,817</b>	<b>374.8</b>

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Higher Education Provider	2009		
	Estimated EFTSL paying a higher rate of student contribution than the 2004 HECS rates (indexed)	Estimated students paying a higher rate of student contribution than the 2004 HECS rates (indexed)	Additional revenue expected from the increased student contributions (\$ million)
<b>New South Wales</b>			
Avondale College	519	616	0.4
Charles Sturt University	10,061	13,968	10.4
Macquarie University	0	0	0.0
Southern Cross University	5,515	8,197	5.9
The University of New England	8,054	14,080	6.4
The University of New South Wales	16,862	18,633	22.4
The University of Newcastle	13,500	15,728	14.7
The University of Sydney	23,398	25,567	28.8
University of Technology, Sydney	13,131	14,635	16.5
University of Western Sydney	18,652	21,848	21.1
University of Wollongong	8,783	10,233	10.1
<b>Total for New South Wales</b>	<b>118,476</b>	<b>143,506</b>	<b>136.7</b>
<b>Victoria</b>			
Deakin University	13,989	18,405	10.2
La Trobe University	15,658	17,831	18.0
Monash University	21,471	25,342	26.6
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	13,366	15,241	16.4
Swinburne University of Technology	5,474	6,477	7.5
University of Ballarat	3,418	3,911	3.2
The University of Melbourne	18,990	20,195	23.1
Victoria University of Technology	9,917	12,083	12.1
<b>Total for Victoria</b>	<b>102,283</b>	<b>119,485</b>	<b>117.1</b>
<b>Queensland</b>			
Central Queensland University	6,990	9,747	4.0
Griffith University	16,466	19,651	18.0
James Cook University	7,932	11,141	8.5
Queensland University of Technology	20,948	26,175	23.3
The University of Queensland	20,229	23,256	27.2
University of Southern Queensland	7,423	13,420	5.8
University of the Sunshine Coast	2,289	3,028	3.0
<b>Total for Queensland</b>	<b>82,277</b>	<b>106,417</b>	<b>89.8</b>
<b>Western Australia</b>			
Curtin University of Technology	12,909	15,645	16.5
Edith Cowan University	11,996	16,289	10.8
Murdoch University	6,599	8,719	6.1
The University of Notre Dame Australia	460	590	0.2
The University of Western Australia	9,624	10,283	13.4
<b>Total for Western Australia</b>	<b>41,588</b>	<b>51,525</b>	<b>47.0</b>
<b>South Australia</b>			
The Flinders University of South Australia	8,012	9,540	8.7
The University of Adelaide	9,885	10,857	13.5
University of South Australia	13,964	17,664	14.8
<b>Total for South Australia</b>	<b>31,861</b>	<b>38,062</b>	<b>37.0</b>
<b>Tasmania</b>			
Australian Maritime College	0	0	0.0
University of Tasmania	0	0	0.0
<b>Total for Tasmania</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Northern Territory</b>			
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	0	0	0.0
Charles Darwin University	2,702	4,428	2.5
<b>Total for Northern Territory</b>	<b>2,702</b>	<b>4,428</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>			
The Australian National University	0	0	0.0
University of Canberra	5,508	7,707	6.0
Australian Catholic University	3,705	4,306	4.7
<b>Total for Australian Capital Territory</b>	<b>9,213</b>	<b>12,013</b>	<b>10.7</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>388,399</b>	<b>475,436</b>	<b>440.8</b>

**ATTACHMENT B**

*Proportion of commencing students affected by increased student contributions, nationally and by State and Territory, as a proportion of their commencing cohort*

<b>State/Territory</b>	<b>Estimated percentage of 2005 commencing cohort affected</b>	<b>Estimated percentage of commencing cohort in 2006 and subsequent years</b>
New South Wales	45%	92%
Victoria	100%	100%
Queensland	82%	100%
Western Australia	69%	100%
South Australia	100%	100%
Tasmania	0%	0%
Northern Territory	7%	67%
Australian Capital Territory*	30%	66%
<b>Australia</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>94%</b>

\* Includes estimates for all students attending the Australian Catholic University.