

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education.

DEST Question No. E317_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Please provide data on applications for a HECS place at university by state and territory for each year between 1996 and 2005.

If 2005 data is not yet available, please provide data for 1996 to 2004 and preliminary data for 2005.

Answer:

HECS Applications Data

- The application process for undergraduate places is in the main managed by state Tertiary Admission Centres, which provide DEST and the AVCC with broad aggregate level data. Students applying for a HECS place are not separately identified in this data.
- DEST does collect data on enrolments as part of the Higher Education Student Collection. This data includes information on whether the student was a HECS liable student and is provided below for the years 1996 to 2004. Note that the information is presented as EFTSU (equivalent full-time student units) not actual student numbers. Enrolment data for 2005 will be available in mid 2006.

Students, Selected Higher Education Statistics (DEST)

Table: Actual Student Load (EFTSU) for Students by Liability Status, 1996 to 2004

Year	HECS Liable students	Domestic fee-paying undergraduate	Other *	Total
1996	393,589	0	94,389	487,978
1997	405,018	0	109,704	514,722
1998	404,894	829	123,116	528,839
1999	404,523	1,798	137,822	544,143
2000	401,013	2,649	154,127	557,790
2001	409,569	4,085	174,689	588,343
2002	420,539	6,536	199,991	627,066
2003	418,117	7,813	224,921	650,851
2004	409,505	10,154	241,565	661,223

Note: This data is based on full year load.

* Other includes overseas fee-paying students, domestic fee paying postgraduate students, Postgraduate Education Loan Scheme (PELS) students, Australian Postgraduate Awards students, Domestic enabling and non-award students