

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

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

According to Dr Nelson's second reading speech, he wants to put MUP on the "same footing as other Australian private universities."

Can it really be said to be on the "same footing"? What is the financial health of the other private universities – Bond and Notre Dame? How does it compare with that of MUP?

And what about numbers of students in higher education award courses – undergraduate and postgraduate? How does MUP compare?

And what about staff numbers? How many academic staff do Bond and Notre Dame have? And MUP? There are many other comparisons that might be made.

Answer:

Melbourne University Private

Comparative financial information for Melbourne University Private, the University of Notre Dame and Bond University is provided below:

Key Financial Information for 2004

	Melbourne University Private (\$'000)	University of Notre Dame (\$'000)	Bond University (\$'000)
Total Revenue (excluding deferred superannuation)	40,412	44,779	65,981
Net Operating Result (before income tax)	(3,801)	14,975	3,301
Net Assets	35,448	37,952	3,100

Note: All figures are for each University only, not for the consolidated entities.

The private universities are not required to supply complete student or staff data to the Department. Hence, neither Melbourne University Private or Bond University have provided such information. The University of Notre Dame Australia reported 120 full-time and fractional full-time staff in 2004. Student numbers are as below.

The 2004 student numbers for the University of Notre Dame Australia are:

	Postgraduate	Undergraduate	Enabling/non-award	All students
Notre Dame	796	3,111	274	4,181