

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 Nettle provided in writing.

Question:

Does the department have any projections for the take up of FEE- HELP loans over the forward estimates period?

Answer:

Take-up of FEE-HELP loans

Estimates of the take up of FEE-HELP loans are based on equivalent full time student study load, rather than the number of students. The Department's estimates of the take up of FEE-HELP loans over the forward estimates period is provided in the following table. The estimates will be revised in the light of experience.

Equivalent Full time student load (EFTSL)

Public providers (Table A and Open Universities Australia)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Undergraduate	7,434	8,891	9,336	9,392	9,439
Other ¹	28,696	35,606	44,227	46,510	46,518
Total	36,130	44,497	53,562	55,902	55,957

Private providers (Table B and approved HEPs)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Undergraduate	6,041	7,225	7,586	7,631	7,669
Other ¹	1,510	1,806	1,896	1,908	1,917
Total	7,551	9,031	9,482	9,539	9,587

1. *Other* includes loans to students undertaking postgraduate study (coursework and research), as well as students undertaking bridging study for overseas-trained professionals and enabling courses.

2. Amounts may not sum to totals due to rounding.