

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E074_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

How many universities were in deficit in 2005?
Which universities?
What was the size of these deficits?
How many years have these universities been in deficit?

Answer:

University Deficits 2005

Two universities have reported operating deficits on an accrual basis for 2005: Newcastle University (\$7.5 million) and the University of New England (\$3.2 million). The audited financial statements for Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education are not yet available.

Information regarding the years in which these universities have previously been in deficit is publicly available on the Department's website in the Higher Education Finance Statistics for each year since 1995. The information can be located at the following addresses:

- 1995 http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/publications_resources/profiles/archives/selected_higher_education_finance_statistics_1995.htm
- 1996 http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/publications_resources/profiles/archives/selected_higher_education_finance_statistics_1996.htm
- 1997 http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/publications_resources/profiles/archives/selected_higher_education_finance_statistics_1997.htm
- 1998 http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/publications_resources/profiles/finance_1988_selected_higher_education_statistics.htm
- 1999 http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/publications_resources/profiles/archives/finance_1999_selected_higher_education_statistics.htm
- 2000 http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/publications_resources/profiles/archives/finance_2000_higher_education_statistics.htm
- 2001 http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/publications_resources/profiles/finance_2001_selected_higher_education_statistics.htm
- 2002 http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/publications_resources/profiles/finance_2002_selected_higher_education_statistics.htm

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