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

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Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

From 1998 - 2005 how many students commenced as a full fee-paying domestic undergraduate subsequently transferred into a commonwealth supported place?

Answer:

Number of transfers from domestic undergraduate fee-paying places to Commonwealth supported places

No reliable data on the number of domestic undergraduate students commencing as full fee-paying students and subsequently transferring into Commonwealth supported places is available for the years 1998 and 1999. No data is available on transfers between providers. However, from 2000-2005, the number of domestic (continuing and commencing) undergraduate fee-paying students who transferred in the following year to a Commonwealth supported place at the same provider is as follows:

Year of transfer	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of students	15	157	450	601	691	1,026

An increase over time in the number of students who transferred to a Commonwealth supported place may be a reflection of increases in both the number of Commonwealth funded undergraduate places in the year and the number of domestic undergraduate feepaying students in the previous year.