

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Nash asked on 4 June 2009, EEWR Hansard page 42.

Question

How many courses can be deferred for more than one year

On this issue of deferment—and we are talking now about the requirement of the two years rather than the one—how many courses can actually be deferred for more than one year?

Answer

Deferral policies and procedures are a matter for individual universities and universities are not required to report this information to the Department. However, the Department understands that universities generally offer one year's deferral to commencing students seeking this path. Most universities also may grant an additional period of deferral of six months or more, usually one year, on a case by case basis.