

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Question

APPLICANT DATA

Senator JACINTA COLLINS—As to the [increase in] non-metropolitan [applicants], which is the 8.4 per cent, can you tell me how they sit in terms of school leavers, non-school leavers and also SES levels? Mr Coutts—We do not have that data at the moment. We may be able to disaggregate to that level. We publish a report on applications and offers each year, and we may be able to disaggregate to that level in that report. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—I would appreciate that.

Answer

Table 1. Undergraduate university applications by non-metropolitan persons by Year 12 status

	Year 12s	Non-year 12s	Total
2009	31,891	23,034	54,925
2010	33,330	26,184	59,513
% change	4.5%	13.7%	8.4%

Table 2. Undergraduate university applications by non-metropolitan persons by Socio Economic Status (SES)

	High SES	Medium SES	Low SES	Missing¹	Total
2009	1,816	33,001	19,519	589	54,925
2010	2,134	35,074	21,570	735	59,513
% change	17.5%	6.3%	10.5%	24.7%	8.4%

¹ 'Missing' category in Table 2 represents applicants who could not be assigned to an SES category because they did not have an Australian postcode of permanent home residence, either because they were overseas residents or because of missing data on postcode.