

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

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

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Cormann asked on 2/06/2010, Hansard page 135.

Question

ESOS ASSURANCE FUND

Senator CORMANN—In 2009 the regular contribution was \$2.3 million. How much of that \$2.3 million came from the five largest providers? Mr Walters—I do not know if we would be able to tell you that offhand. Ms Chaudhury—I would have to take that on notice. Senator CORMANN—What is the single biggest contribution by one provider? Can you tell me that? Ms Chaudhury—I would have to take that one on notice.

Answer

Contributions to the ESOS Fund are mainly based on the overseas fee income of individual providers rather than their student enrolments, although there is a correlation between the number of enrolments and a provider's overseas fee income. In 2009, the five highest contributors to the Fund totaled \$351,984.82. The single highest contribution by a provider was \$123,197.05.