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Question

EFTSL Over The Last Decade

Senator MASON: Could we just have a look at the growth in undergraduate student numbers in Commonwealth supported places in public universities? ... I want an EFTSL—that is, an effective full-time student load basis. Is that the right figure?

Ms Paul: Yes.

Senator MASON: Over the last decade. Again, you may have to take this on notice, Ms Paul, but in terms of EFTSL over the last decade, do you have raw numbers for the growth in undergraduate student numbers in Commonwealth supported places in public universities?

Ms Paul: I don't know whether we—

Senator MASON: If you have it here, that would be great, but I am not—

Mr Warburton: Well, Senator, you asked for a decade back, so you want us to go back to 2001?

Senator MASON: Yes. Mr Warburton: I do not have that here. The notion of a Commonwealth supported place did not exist before 2005.

Senator MASON: Okay.

Mr Warburton: I can—

Senator MASON: Do what you can do for me, Mr Warburton, I just want to map what is happening, that is all.

Mr Warburton: Okay.

Answer

The Commonwealth Grant Scheme commenced in 2005. The actual and estimated number of undergraduate Commonwealth supported places at public universities since 2005 is in the table below. The number of places at all providers, including private providers, has also been provided.

Undergraduate Commonwealth Supported Places (EFTSL) in Public Universities

2005 Actual EFTSL	2006 Actual EFTSL	2007 Actual EFTSL	2008 Actual EFTSL	2009 Actual EFTSL	2010 Estimated EFTSL	2011 Estimated EFTSL
398,521	401,352	409,841	415,680	439,468	464,524	482,371

(a) 2005-2009 data is Actual data provided by the University Statistics area of DEEWR. Includes enabling places.

(b) 2010 and 2011 data are University estimates. Includes enabling places.

Undergraduate Commonwealth Supported Places (EFTSL) at All Providers

2005 Actual EFTSL	2006 Actual EFTSL	2007 Actual EFTSL	2008 Actual EFTSL	2009 Actual EFTSL	2010 Estimated EFTSL	2011 Estimated EFTSL
399,849	403,058	412,236	419,017	443,797	469,428	488,000

(a) 2005-2009 data is Actual data provided by the University Statistics area of DEEWR. Includes enabling places.

(b) 2010 and 2011 data are provider estimates. Includes enabling places.