

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education

DEST Question No. E669_04

Senator Stott Despoja asked on 17 November 2003

Question:

Can you detail the modelling that was used to produce the table of estimated university grants recently submitted to this committee?

Answer:

CGS Modelling

An estimated CGS amount, for each university, was calculated based on 2002 enrolment and funding data. The CGS amount includes funding for regional loading, teaching hospital loading and funding for over enrolment, where applicable. Present levels of HECS were assumed to continue across the period.

Using the 2002 cluster profile as a base, the funding amount was calculated for 2005 (including the 2.5% National Governance Protocol or Workplace Reform policy funding), 2006 (including the 5% National Governance Protocol or Workplace Reform policy funding) and 2007 (including the 7.5% National Governance Protocol or Workplace Reform policy funding). Each of these amounts was expressed in 2003 dollars. Present levels of over enrolment and consequential marginal funding amounts were phased out using a reverse pipeline.

The impact for each year was calculated by subtracting the operating grant for 2002 (that is the funding each university received under the current funding system) from each of the universities' funds from CGS, HECs and over enrolments for each year. Transitional funding was included in the impact columns so that universities that would have notionally experienced a decline in funding have a zero impact.

The figures supplied in the table are subject to change:

- As 2003 final data becomes available;
- As Funding Agreement negotiations take place.

The table referred to in the question is attached.