

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES

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Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question:

Is federal government approval required to establish an overseas campus? If so, can the department please provide details of the approval process. How many offshore campuses were approved in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and so far 2004-05? For each year, can the department detail where each approved proposed campus was to be located and which university sought approval?

How many offshore campuses were established in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and so far in 2004-05? For each year, can the department detail where each campus was established and which university established it?

Answer:

Approvals required to establish an offshore campus

Australian Government approval is not required to establish an overseas campus.

Establishment of offshore campuses

The Department does not hold comprehensive records on offshore campuses but is aware of the following offshore university campuses:

- Central Queensland University: Fiji
- Curtin University of Technology: Malaysia
- James Cook University: Singapore
- Macquarie University: Macquarie Graduate School of Management: Hong Kong, Singapore
- Monash University: Malaysia, South Africa and Italy
- RMIT: Vietnam
- Swinburne University of Technology: Malaysia
- University of Southern Queensland: United Arab Emirates
- University of Wollongong: United Arab Emirates

While not all universities have offshore campuses, all universities listed on the Australian Qualifications Framework Register of Recognised Education Institutions & Authorised Accreditation Authorities in Australia ('the AQF Register') have offshore programs run in partnership with local institutions.