

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1 & 2
Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for Schools
2.4 – Funding for Higher Education
2.5 – Assistance for post school students including those with special needs
3.1 – Research infrastructure

DEST Question No. E561_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No. E066_06.

Question:

Please update E066_06.

Please provide Budget figures from 1995-96 to the end of the current forward estimates detailing Commonwealth spending on: Universities (excluding money advanced to universities on behalf of students under various loan schemes) Government schools, Catholic systemic schools, Independent non-government schools. Please provide the same figures as a proportion of; GDP, total government expenditure and total government revenue.

Answer:

Australian Government spending on universities and schools

The attached table provides Australian Government actual and estimated spending on universities and schools for the period 1995 to 2010.

Australian Government Spending on Universities and Australian Schools

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b	\$b
Universities	4.36	4.34	4.21	4.09	4.06	4.09	4.21	4.42	4.68	5.05	5.61	6.06	6.29	6.46	6.61
% of GDP	0.74	0.67	0.62	0.58	0.55	0.54	0.54	0.55	0.56	0.59	0.64	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.66
% of Total Govt Exp	3.44	3.19	3.08	2.72	2.56	2.61	2.53	2.61	2.57	2.59	2.72	2.76	2.73	2.68	2.62
% of Total Govt Rev	3.58	3.06	2.87	2.69	2.43	2.53	2.59	2.53	2.50	2.49	2.52	2.62	2.61	2.56	2.49
State schools	0.93	0.98	1.05	1.09	1.14	1.24	1.33	1.41	1.52	1.60	1.69	1.79	1.91	2.03	2.15
% of GDP	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21
% of Total Govt Exp	0.73	0.72	0.76	0.72	0.72	0.79	0.80	0.83	0.83	0.82	0.82	0.81	0.83	0.84	0.85
% of Total Govt Rev	0.76	0.69	0.71	0.71	0.68	0.77	0.82	0.80	0.81	0.79	0.76	0.77	0.79	0.81	0.81
Catholic schools	1.06	1.16	1.32	1.48	1.64	1.89	2.10	2.25	2.45	2.66	2.88	3.11	3.34	3.57	3.82
% of GDP	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.27	0.28	0.29	0.31	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.37	0.38
% of Total Govt Exp	0.83	0.85	0.96	0.98	1.04	1.21	1.26	1.33	1.34	1.36	1.40	1.41	1.45	1.48	1.51
% of Total Govt Rev	0.87	0.82	0.90	0.97	0.98	1.17	1.29	1.28	1.30	1.31	1.29	1.34	1.39	1.42	1.44
Independent schools	0.61	0.66	0.74	0.83	0.94	1.03	1.13	1.29	1.50	1.67	1.80	1.94	2.09	2.24	2.40
% of GDP	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.16	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.23	0.24
% of Total Govt Exp	0.48	0.48	0.54	0.55	0.59	0.65	0.68	0.76	0.82	0.86	0.87	0.88	0.90	0.93	0.95
% of Total Govt Rev	0.50	0.46	0.50	0.55	0.56	0.63	0.69	0.74	0.80	0.82	0.81	0.84	0.87	0.89	0.90
GDP	584.87	646.00	674.93	709.87	738.12	752.43	780.82	806.16	838.25	859.06	880.53	909.15	940.97	971.55	1003.13
Total Govt Exp	126.69	135.93	136.60	150.18	158.39	156.78	166.53	169.25	182.01	195.01	206.02	219.73	230.56	240.91	252.59
Total Govt Rev	121.69	141.69	146.82	151.90	166.88	161.79	162.60	175.19	187.56	202.67	222.86	231.66	240.67	252.08	265.60

Note: Financial year figures are derived from an average of calendar year figures. Figures for 1995-96 to 2004-05 are based on actual data, whilst figures for 2006-07 to 2009-10 are estimates.

Sources:

Higher Education data

NB: Excludes Higher Education Contribution/Higher Education Loans.

Higher Education Triennium Reports for 1995 to 2005 (actual data)

DEST estimates for 2006 to 2010

ARC estimates for 2005-06 to 2009-10 from 2006-07 EST Portfolio Budget Statements

Schools Data

NB: Includes schools funding appropriated under the *States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Acts* 1992 to 2000 and *Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004* only.

Report on Financial Assistance for 1995 to 2004 (actual data)

DEST estimates for 2005 to 2010

Preliminary actual data for 2004

GDP, Total Government expenditure and revenue

Chain volume (real) GDP figures sourced from Ausstats *5206.0 Australian National Accounts - National Income, Expenditure and Product - Dec Qtr 2005*

Total Government expenditure/outlays and Total Government revenue sourced from *Budget Paper No. 1* for 1995-96 to 2006-07