

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E670_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

1. Please provide (in Excel spreadsheet format) data on Higher Education funding between 1996 and the latest year for which data is available, in the following areas:
 - a. government supported places, and other places
 - b. by State/territory
 - c. by Higher Education Institution
 - d. by mode of study
 - e. by undergraduate/postgraduate.
2. Please also provide this information for the Budget out-years.

Answer:

Higher Education Funding

1. DEST has interpreted all elements of this question to relate to funding for places. Please refer to the attached spreadsheets:
 - a. government supported places, and other places ([Attachment 1](#))
 - b. by State/territory ([Attachment 2](#))
 - c. by Higher Education Institution ([Attachment 3](#))
 - d. by mode of study - this information is not available as funding is not provided on the basis of mode of study.
 - e. by undergraduate/postgraduate ([Attachment 4](#)).
2. *Commonwealth Grant Scheme and Related Programmes Funding*
The Government funds higher education providers on the basis of funding agreements that will be negotiated annually and for extra places yet to be allocated. Therefore it is not possible to provide data for Budget out years on funding for places for individual providers or by State/Territory. The following shows the total appropriation for out-years for the CGS and estimates for HECS-HELP as at 29 March 2006:

(2006 Prices)	2006	2007	2008	2009
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Commonwealth Grants Scheme	3,266.479	3,415.627	3,483.528	3,512.238
HECS-HELP	1,863.069	2,006.731	2,124.646	2,226.881
Other Related Programmes	256.240	258.895	244.635	244.635

*HECS-HELP includes amounts deferred to a HECS-HELP loan and the HECS-HELP discount paid to providers on behalf of students who choose to pay their student contribution up-front.

* Other related programmes include Additional Workplace Reform, Indigenous Support, Transitional Funding and National Institutes Funding.

FEE-HELP loans

[Attachment 5](#) provides estimates for FEE-HELP loans at the aggregate level for each year from 2005 to 2009 as at 29 March 2006. Estimates are not broken down by State, Institution or mode of study.