

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 - Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E602_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

In 2005, or the latest year for which full year enrolment figures are available, how many students were:

- a) Enrolled in an Associate Degree in -
 - i. TAFE institutes
 - ii. Other registered training providers? Please specify by institute and provider.
- b) For each of these, how many students were in publicly funded places?
- c) What was the level of Commonwealth support per Associate Degree place?
- d) Were these students eligible for HECS-HELP? If so what was the rate of student contribution?
- e) Were these students eligible for FEE-HELP?

Answer:

Students undertaking associate degrees

- a) Associate degrees are higher education awards and must be offered by accredited higher education providers. DEST collects information about students at non-self accrediting higher education providers approved under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* who were accessing FEE-HELP. The National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) collects information on students enrolled at Registered Training Institutions, including TAFE Institutes, where these are in receipt of public funds. There were no students enrolled in Associate Degrees in 2005 at TAFE Institutes or other registered Training Institutes recorded by either DEST or the NCVER. Data for 2006 is not yet available.
- b) Not applicable.
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- c) Not applicable