

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

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Question

**ADDITIONAL EDUCATION PROVIDER FUNDING FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL
CAMPUSES**

Additional per capita funding is allocated for students attending rural and regional university campuses. Provide detail on the following: a) Eligibility criteria for the per capita funding? b) Formula used to calculate the additional per capita funding including distances and rates. c) Breakdown of all institutions / campuses and the rates that apply to each one d) What is the process or mechanism for rural/regional university campuses to apply for funding to take account of the additional cost of maintaining campuses in these environments? - Information to be broken down into individual steps e) How much is allocated in the current budget for campuses in each state/territory?

Answer

Regional loading for Commonwealth supported places assists higher education providers with regional campuses, to meet additional costs associated with operating these campuses.

The *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA) and the Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines No 1 (Chapter 4) specify the methodology for calculating the regional loading for a provider.

The amount of regional loading payable to a provider is worked out by taking the amount of regional loading paid to the provider in 2006, dividing it by the total amount of regional loading available to all higher education providers in 2006 and multiplying the result by the total amount of regional loading available to all providers in a particular year (ie \$31.82 million in 2010, this amount is indexed each year in accordance with Part 5-6 of HESA).The allocation of regional loading by provider in 2010 is shown at Table A below.

There is no mechanism under HESA or related guidelines for a provider to seek funding above itsdetermined amount.

Table A: Allocation of regional loading for 2010

Higher Education Provider	2010 Allocation \$
New South Wales	
Charles Sturt University	1,912,773
Southern Cross University	1,270,712
University of New England	2,008,368
University of Newcastle	51,719
The University of Sydney	8,654
University of Wollongong	1,164,532
Total New South Wales	6,416,758
Victoria	
Deakin University	608,461
La Trobe University	1,055,995
Monash University	203,223
RMIT University	32,464
University of Ballarat	1,385,321
The University of Melbourne	44,223
Total Victoria	3,329,687
Queensland	
Central Queensland University	1,931,348
James Cook University	4,431,537
Queensland University of Technology	33,570
The University of Queensland	104,450
University of Southern Queensland	1,495,543
University of the Sunshine Coast	1,141,840
Total Queensland	9,138,288
Western Australia	
Curtin University of Technology	228,331
Edith Cowan University	184,773
Murdoch University	223,228
The University of Notre Dame Australia	67,008
The University of Western Australia	50,247
Total Western Australia	753,587
South Australia	
The Flinders University of South Australia	22,348
The University of Adelaide	73,757
University of South Australia	96,903
Total South Australia	193,008
Tasmania	
University of Tasmania ¹	5,580,989
Total Tasmania	5,580,989
Northern Territory	
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	1,069,201
Charles Darwin University	5,152,879
Total Northern Territory	6,222,080
Multi-state	
Australian Catholic University	187,425
Total Multi-state	187,425
Total Australia	31,821,822

¹The University of Tasmania receives its allocation, \$5,325,907 and the allocation that would have been given to the former Australian Maritime College \$222,082 (2010 amounts).