Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Senate Budget Estimates, June 2011 Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No.13

Senator Kroger asked on notice

Covering the period of the ANAO Audit Report of AusAID's Management of Tertiary Training Assistance please provide a breakdown of scholarships, including:

- a) How many students applied?
- b) From how many different countries?
- c) From which countries?
- d) Please provide any information on what students on scholarships are studying.

Answer:

- a) AusAID does not hold global figures on applications received for long-term development awards (scholarships). In general the number of applications received is much higher than the number of scholarships offered. For example, AusAID received over 6,000 applications from PNG for the 161 scholarships offered for the 2012 intake.
- b) In 2010/11, scholarships were offered to applicants from 71 countries.
- c) A breakdown showing the scholarships offered by country in 2010/11 is at Attachment A
- d) A breakdown showing the area of study for students currently on scholarship in Australia is at Attachment B.