

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000320

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International Student Revenue

Question

What percentage, on average, of annual university budgets, does international student revenue make up?

What percentage, based on the latest data, of international students are coming from PR China?

What contingencies is the Government making for any sudden changes in Australia's exchange rate?

What contingencies is the Government making for any sudden changes in Australia's relationship with governments in the region.

Answer

The average percentage of total Australian university revenues attributed to international student fees was 18.7 per cent in 2015, which is the latest annual data available.

In 2016, 28.3 per cent of the 554,179 international students studying in Australia on a student visa came from mainland China.

The Australian Government supports the Australian international education sector with the provision of high quality data on national and global market trends. This includes trends in international student mobility published monthly by the Department of Education and Training and broader market issues captured in Austrade's weekly *Market Information Package* updates.

Released in April 2016, the *National Strategy for International Education 2025* and Austrade's market development plan *Australian International Education 2025* will guide and support Australian international education over the next decade or more. Both strategies encourage innovation and market diversification to ensure the sector can grow sustainably and is resilient to potential global disruption.