

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0233\_14**

**Senator Rhiannon asked on 20 November 2013 , Hansard page 115**

**Question**

**Impact per university of the \$900 million efficiency dividend**

Senator RHIANNON: Excellent. Has the department done any modelling in relation to the impacts of the proposed \$900 million efficiency dividend expected to be applied to Australian universities? I am particularly trying to get a figure per university, if you have it. Mr Griew: In the context of the previous government's announcement and preparations for implementation of the efficiency dividend, a range of different kinds of analyses and briefings were provided to ministers at that time. I think we canvassed this in previous estimates. I have confirmed that we did a range of advice for government. I do not have figures per university here. I am not absolutely sure we did analysis down to every university. I would have to check that. Senator RHIANNON: What sort of information are you able to provide in terms of how that is going to play out, how it is going to be divided up across the sector? Mr Griew: The figure you quote is the figure over the estimates window for the impact of the two per cent efficiency dividend for 2014 and the 1.25 per cent efficiency dividend for 2015 and the subsequently lower base from which further years would be indexed. The \$900 million figure—it is a bit more than that—is the cumulative impact of that over that estimates window across the sector. Senator RHIANNON: Could you take on notice and provide us with whatever breakdown you have? You obviously have to achieve that, so you would have a plan in place. pg 116 Mr Griew: With only the complexity that this was advice that was provided to ministers, it may be better instead to have a specific question that we will pursue the answer to. I take it that the question you are asking is: what is the impact per university of the efficiency dividend as we understand it? Senator RHIANNON: Yes, so you will take that on notice? Mr Griew: Yes.

**Answer**

The table below provides an estimate of the impact of the previous Government's proposal to apply an efficiency dividend to higher education funding, by provider, over the 2013-14 to 2016-17 financial years. These are the most recent estimates undertaken by the Department and are correct as at the time of the 2013 Budget.

You should note that these estimates are subject to the following caveats:

1. Commonwealth Government Support funding was apportioned based on April 2013 university estimates of student load.
2. 'Other Grants' funding was apportioned based on each providers' percentage share of 2013 funding. The assumption is that where funding is distributed based on performance, university performance will not change.
3. The Department is unable to apportion the impact of the efficiency dividend by provider on other funding that is based on competitive rounds. This includes:
  - Reward Funding;
  - Commonwealth Learning Scholarships;
  - Promotion of Excellence in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (PELTHE); and
  - the partnership component of the Higher Education Participation and Partnership Program.

## Estimate of Impact of Efficiency Dividend on Universities over the 2013-14 to 2016-2017 financial years

<i>Provider name</i>	<i>TOTAL FUNDING ESTIMATED IMPACT (\$m)</i>
Charles Sturt University	-20.1
Macquarie University	-18.9
Southern Cross University	-9.6
The University of New England	-12.5
The University of New South Wales	-43.0
The University of Newcastle	-27.7
The University of Sydney	-50.4
University of Technology, Sydney	-20.3
University of Western Sydney	-32.6
University of Wollongong	-17.8
Deakin University	-29.2
La Trobe University	-24.7
Monash University	-46.1
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	-27.5
Swinburne University of Technology	-17.4
University of Ballarat	-6.5
The University of Melbourne	-46.6
Victoria University	-15.7
Central Queensland University	-10.4
Griffith University	-28.5
James Cook University	-18.0
Queensland University of Technology	-32.1
The University of Queensland	-51.3
University of Southern Queensland	-13.3
University of the Sunshine Coast	-8.6
Curtin University of Technology	-27.7
Edith Cowan University	-15.8
Murdoch University	-11.4
The University of Western Australia	-26.3
The Flinders University of South Australia	-18.3
The University of Adelaide	-26.3
University of South Australia	-22.3
University of Tasmania	-23.8
Charles Darwin University	-7.8
The Australian National University	-37.3

University of Canberra	-10.0
Australian Catholic University	-20.1
Avondale College	-0.9
The University of Notre Dame Australia	-6.7
Christian Heritage College	-0.3
Tabor College - Adelaide	-0.2
Tabor College - Victoria	-0.1
Holmesglen Institute of TAFE	-0.5
Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE	-0.1
Batchelor Institute of Tertiary Indigenous Education	-0.5
MCD University	-0.2
Bond University	-0.3
<b>Total Universities</b>	<b>-885.6</b>
Unallocated	-17.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>-902.7</b>