

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

**\$1.2 Billion Over The Next Four Years To Fund Growth In University
Enrolments**

In relations to Minister Evans's statement that : "The Gillard Government is investing a further \$1.2 billion over the next four years to fund growth in university enrolments following a move to uncap university places and make higher education available to all Australians" (Senator Evans, Media release, Gillard Government funds growth and quality in nation's universities, 10 May 2011), will the Minister provide the breakdown of figures of \$1.2 billion, indicating:

- a) which new Government programs were counted towards that total \$1.2 billion figure;
- b) how much has been budgeted for each such program over each year of the forward estimates;
- c) how much and what proportion of that funding over each year of the forward estimates for each program is due to the new indexation arrangements;
- d) which existing Government programs were counted towards that total that total \$1.2 billion figure;
- e) how much has been budgeted for each such program over the each year of the forward estimates;
- f) how much and what proportion of that funding over each year of the forward estimates for each program is due to the new indexation arrangement; and
- g) excluding increases due to indexation, which existing programs have received an increase in funding over the forward estimates (and in each such case, how much and what proportion of that additional funding amounts to for each program in each year of the forward estimates and in total)?

Answer

a) to f)

The \$1.2 billion is additional money allocated for estimated growth in student places for the 2011 to 2015 calendar years. All of the funds are for a single existing program, the Commonwealth Grants Scheme.

The expenditure by year inclusive of new indexation arrangements is identified in the table below. The level of expenditure that relates to the new indexation arrangements by calendar year is also provided.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Additional Demand Driven Funding	49.6	271.6	274.0	287.0	369.8	1,252.0
Value of increased indexation	0.0	5.5	10.5	16.2	28.0	60.0

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The Regional Loading program received an increase of \$109.9m over the forward estimates. This figure is not included in the \$1.2 billion for additional student places.

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Increase to Regional Loading Program	15.0	13.5	31.6	32.8	109.9