

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research and International

**Department of Education Question No. ED0047_14
Senator Carr provided in writing.**

**Question
Higher Education Equity Targets**

a. What progress has been made towards achieving the higher education equity targets? b. What resources does having these targets use? How many FTE?

Answer

- a) In 2012, 36.8 per cent of 25-34 year olds had attained a bachelor level qualification or above, up from 24.0 per cent in 2001.

In 2012, 17.1 per cent of undergraduate students were from a low SES background, up from 16.1 per cent in 2008.

- b) Institutions monitor their own equity activity at the local level. Within the department, reporting on equity targets is part of broader activities on collection, reporting and analysis of higher education student statistics. There is no specific allocation of resources to reporting on equity targets.