

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International

**Department of Education Question No. ED0068_14
Senator Carr provided in writing.**

**Question
Commonwealth Grants Scheme**

For the Commonwealth Grants Scheme please provide:

- a. the 2012-13 updated budget outcome for this program
- b. Current forward estimates for 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17
- c. What the breakdown of these estimates is between administered and Departmental costs?
- d. How many FTE staff positions are allocated to the running of the Commonwealth Grants Scheme?

Answer

a. The 2012-13 budget outcome for the Commonwealth Grant Scheme (including loadings) was expenditure of \$5.989 million.

b. Current forward estimates as at the Pre-Election Economic and Fiscal Outlook:

| Commonwealth Grant Scheme | 2012-2013 \$m | 2013-14 \$m | 2014-15 \$m | 2015-16 \$m | 2016-17 \$m |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Administered | 6.0 | 6.2 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 7.1 |

c. The budgeted Commonwealth Grant Scheme expenses are administered costs only.

d. There is no specific allocation of resources for the programme management of the Commonwealth Grants Scheme.