

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS
SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
INQUIRY INTO ESOS BILLS HEARING

DIISRTE Question No. 1 (p. 34 para 5) – Student enrolments by sector and country

Mr Walters offered to provide the committee with the latest data on the growth of international student enrolment numbers. Senator Marshall requested that these numbers be provided on notice.

Answer

Enrolment numbers by nationality and sector to November 2011 (latest figures) are attached for the Committee's consideration. In order to show an accurate comparison, figures for each year represent the year-to-date total to November for that year.

Statistics are compiled by Australian Education International and updated regularly. The statistics are available publicly online at <http://www.aei.gov.au/research/International-Student-Data/Pages/default.aspx>.

Enrolments by top 15 nationalities

Nationality	Enrolments YTD to November									
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Brazil	4,138	3,704	4,567	6,774	9,712	11,996	15,222	17,214	15,673	14,964
China	48,822	61,378	72,816	85,376	95,589	114,183	136,054	158,932	168,446	159,518
Colombia	2,278	1,985	1,565	1,719	2,934	5,324	7,546	9,700	9,885	8,803
India	11,291	14,241	20,534	27,290	38,219	61,782	94,835	119,940	98,981	72,171
Indonesia	20,933	20,326	18,035	16,053	14,842	14,721	15,861	17,746	18,238	17,896
Japan	17,150	19,218	19,837	18,810	17,547	15,897	13,318	12,482	11,707	10,923
Korea, Republic of (South)	18,276	21,815	23,477	25,841	30,578	33,877	34,796	35,363	33,593	29,676
Malaysia	17,437	19,753	19,929	19,238	18,990	19,682	21,068	23,064	23,193	22,794
Nepal	1,503	1,257	1,053	1,281	2,597	8,944	17,895	24,451	21,820	17,678
Pakistan	1,726	1,739	1,894	2,283	3,115	4,767	6,105	7,547	8,311	9,625
Saudi Arabia	125	261	496	1,027	1,846	3,608	7,724	12,401	13,163	11,734
Singapore	12,019	11,808	10,802	9,830	9,174	8,748	8,759	9,315	9,492	9,407
Thailand	15,506	16,889	16,099	16,263	17,501	19,549	21,871	26,017	24,609	21,544
United States of America	11,115	12,574	12,782	12,563	11,986	11,753	11,526	10,742	10,481	10,342
Viet Nam	4,056	4,050	4,580	5,274	6,668	9,479	15,674	23,579	25,527	23,732
Total	186,375	210,998	228,466	249,622	281,298	344,310	428,254	508,493	493,119	440,807

Enrolments by sector

Sector	Enrolments YTD to November									
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Higher Education	124,474	145,949	163,708	177,724	185,231	192,012	201,883	225,556	242,078	242,478
VET	44,415	45,647	45,282	50,544	66,329	101,222	152,489	207,032	204,343	170,228
Schools	23,140	26,872	27,266	25,058	24,443	26,722	28,259	27,326	24,113	20,904
ELICOS	56,132	60,760	60,630	63,156	74,959	98,808	123,886	135,888	111,858	93,291
Other (Non-Award Courses, Enabling Courses)	23,853	25,878	25,903	26,225	26,408	27,266	29,697	31,382	31,054	27,863
Total	272,014	305,106	322,789	342,707	377,370	446,030	536,214	627,184	613,446	554,764