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Dear Alan,

Thank you for referring the question on notice from Senator Carr from the Go8 appearance at the committee hearing on 15 September, specifically
Can the Group of 8 please provide the modelling that is found in the Appendix of their submission but over a ten year period?

There are a number of reasons why the Go8 is unable to provide *robust* modelling that extends beyond that provided in the submission Appendix over a ten-year period:

- The modeling provided was our best estimation of the funding allocation method with the data available at the time of our original submission to the draft exposure legislation based on 2018 student numbers. Since that time, the cluster rates have been varied in the legislation before parliament and modeling provided by the Department to institutions is based on 2019 student data which the Go8 Directorate does not currently have access to.
- The Go8 has also not yet had time to reconcile our modeling approach with that provided by the Department.
- Key modelling parameters including CPI projections and decisions of Government are not available beyond the Forward Estimates.

While it may be possible to generate numbers going out for a ten year period, in the changed context of information available and with the extended time frame of a decade, this would not represent a robust approach to modeling that the Go8 would feel comfortable having attributed to a peak body representing research-intensive universities.

The most rigorous approach would seem to be for the Department of Education, Skills and Employment to provide this modeling now that they have released their methodology to individual institutions based on updated data.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Kind regards,

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