

**Inquiry into the Higher Education Support Amendment
(Job-Ready Graduates and Supporting Regional and Remote Students) Bill 2020**

Senate Education and Employment Committee - Questions on Notice

1. Please provide modelling of the impact of the JRG package for your institution from 2021 to 2025:

- a. Taking into account only the elements in the legislation under consideration

-0.4% with growth places and CPI as provided for.

- b. Taking into account the full JRG package

1.9% adding in growth places, CPI and rolling in the NPILF industry funding plus indigenous regional funding.

2. According to the Department's calculator, what will be the funding cut for universities in 2024 compared to 2019 due to the cluster funding changes?

Modelled change

-4.6% just the base funding

-0.4% with growth place and CPI as provided for

1.4% adding in growth places, CPI and rolling in the NPILF industry funding

1.9% adding in growth places, CPI and rolling in the NPILF industry funding plus indigenous regional funding.

3. According to your own modelling, what will be the funding cut for universities in 2024 compared to 2019 due to the cluster funding changes?

University and departmental calculator are in general alignment, the unknowns being 2024 NPILF and behaviour change.

4. Please provide modelling on the impact on the fees paid by women students and indigenous students, based on your most recent enrolment data.

Gender	Old SCA \$/EFTSL	New SCA \$/EFTSL	Indigenous	Old SCA \$/EFTSL	New SCA \$/EFTSL
F	\$ 8,279.91	\$ 9,422.30	No	\$ 8,695.43	\$ 9,615.57
M	\$ 9,238.57	\$ 9,876.90	Yes	\$ 8,238.11	\$ 9,543.54

5. Please provide estimates of the number of additional places that will be 'created' according to the government's calculator, each year over ten years.

a. And the rates that will be paid for those places.

The government calculator assumes no behaviour change by institution or student, so the new places will return the same as non-grandfathered existing funded load.

University of Wollongong estimates (assuming the various categories do not shift when population growth is periodically re-assessed) that its additional MBGA places are approximately:

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2021-30
52	93	122	144	146	148	150	152	154	156	1316

6. Do you expect to be able to fill those places?

Yes, it should be noted that the proposed package provides sufficient flexibility to allow the University to tailor pathways to the needs of our communities which has not been true for well over a decade with designated places frozen.

As such there is growth for the University due to the rising numbers of university age persons, but also in areas such as our regional operations where UOW cannot currently offer appropriate provision due to the current CGS funding structure.

7. Do you expect there will be unmet demand?

a. If so, please provide details of the shortfalls for each year, and the basis for those projections.

Potentially in outer catchments i.e. Camden/Liverpool, where changes in population and participation may exceed additional places. However, the University does not model population or demand year to year.

8. Will Students in Cluster 1 immediately start paying at the cap for student's contributions?

The required contributions for non-grandfathered students will become liable for the new cap from 2021, noting that payment is subject to the income contingent loan scheme that remains in place (assuming by 'Cluster 1' the question refers to CGS cluster 1 / student contribution band 4).

- a. If not, what will the student contribution be?
- b. Please give details for each field of education code if it varies.
- c. Please provide these figures for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 from your current modelling.

9. In your existing modelling to date how much of student contribution will be directed back into that cluster?

It should be noted that all universities including the University of Wollongong receive block funding for teaching on an annual basis. This is distributed in accordance with the University's strategic and operational imperatives.

- a. If it is not the same for each area in the cluster, please provide figures for field of education code.
 - b. Please provide these figures for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 from your current modelling.
10. Will the Government contributions to cluster 1 be spent in this cluster or other clusters in 2021?

As per answer to Question 9.

- a. If the funding for cluster 1 is not spent in cluster one, to which cluster/s will it be directed?
- b. Please provide these figures for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 from your current modelling.