



17 August 2020

Ms Jeanette Radcliffe  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Select Committee on COVID-19  
Department of the Senate  
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Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Radcliffe

### Charles Sturt University response to questions on notice

At the University's appearance before the Committee on Tuesday 28 July, Senator Mehreen Faruqi requested additional information from Charles Sturt on 2020 enrolments compared to 2019, and on projected enrolments for 2021. The figures are included below.

Please note that the University runs three teaching sessions each year, with Sessions 1 and 2 (Session 202030 and Session 202060 this year, according to the University's academic calendar) corresponding to the standard two-semester structure.

1. *Domestic undergraduate applications received by July 30*

The University received 23,604 applications by that date.

2. *Domestic undergraduate applications received by this time in 2019*

The University received 22,544 applications for the semester 2 intake (Session 201960).

3. *Projected domestic undergraduate enrolments in 2021*

The University estimates enrolments of 13,837 EFTSL for 2021.

We use EFTSL for projections as it links directly to funding. Projections use historical data as a key input. However, this assumes the operating environment will be similar but it is likely the operating environment will be very different in 2021.

4. *Domestic undergraduate enrolments in 2019*

The University has 22,214 enrolments or approximately 13,442 EFTSL for 2019.

5. *Projected international student enrolments for 2021*

The following figures relate to commencing students only.

For our regional campuses, we estimate 235 commencing international students in our first session in 2021 if all border restrictions are lifted before the start of the academic year. If borders remain closed we estimate no international student intake in the first session and around 140 students in the second session.

For our study centres, we estimate 3,800 international students for the first session of 2021 – again, only if all border restrictions are lifted. If not, we project no session one intake and around 2,000 international students in the second session.

I would be happy to provide any clarification or additional information if required.

Yours sincerely

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