

1. Are you able to provide on a per university basis the number of international students at each university?

The Department of Education publishes data on the number of international students enrolled at each university. The most recent data available at an institutional level is for 2022 and is available [here](#).

Universities Australia does not have the authority to access this data on behalf of all our members before it is published. Accessing this data would require the permission of each of our 39 members which is not possible in the time provided by the Committee to respond to this question.

2. How does Universities Australia ensure that foreign students have adequate English skills to undertake a degree or similar course in Australia?

The Australian Government is responsible for setting the minimum English language requirement to obtain a student visa. Universities also require a minimum language standard for courses, which is often higher than the minimum standard required by the Australian Government.

3. Who is responsible for ensuring that Universities ensure that Foreign Students have adequate English skills?

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4. What is the average number of contact hours on campus that Foreign Students are expected to complete each week to satisfy their visa requirements? If more appropriate, can this be broken out by degree type?

The number of contact hours a student is required to be on campus varies depending on the course of study and institution. An international student is required to maintain satisfactory attendance in the course they are enrolled in and course progress for each study period as required by their education provider.

5. How do Universities Australia ensure that Universities don't over-rely on group assignments to assess a student's comprehension? More specifically, what quality controls are in place to ensure that Universities don't use group assignments to mask the performance of foreign students by putting them in groups with local students who can understand English?

Individual universities have responsibility for how they deliver curriculum, not Universities Australia.

6. How much do Australian Public Universities earn from Foreign Students each year in fees alone? Can this be broken out by university and degree type please?

According to Australian Bureau of Statistics data, international students contributed \$13.2 billion to Australia's higher education sector in 2023 (see: [International Trade: supplementary information](#)).

7. How much do Australian Public Universities receive in Government Subsidies each year? Can this be broken out by university and degree type please?

The Department of Education publishes data on government grants to universities. The most recent data available is for 2022 and can be accessed [here](#).

- 8. How much do Australian Public Universities earn from other funding such as donations and investments each year? Can this be broken out by university and degree type please?**

According to Department of Education data, our members earned negative income from their investments of \$0.4 billion in 2022. Our members earned \$0.6 billion in income from donations and bequests in 2022. This data is available [here](#).

- 9. How many domestic and foreign students are enrolled in Australian Public Universities? Can this be broken out by university and degree type please?**

The Department of Education publishes data on student numbers at Australian universities. The most recent data available is for 2022 and is available [here](#).

- 10. Can Universities Australia break out expenses by each University by money spent on research, education and administration?**

This information, broken down in this way, is not publicly available. Individual providers are best placed to provide a breakdown of their expenditure.

- 11. Can Universities Australia break out how much accommodation for foreign students is provided by each University please? i.e. Accommodation owned by the University.**

Universities provide accommodation for both domestic and international students. Universities Australia does not keep a record of the total number of beds available on campuses. Individual providers are best placed to provide this information.