

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

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University figures

Question

Senator KIM CARR: Are you now able to give me a revised estimate across the forward estimates based on these figures? I am looking particularly for the number of Commonwealth supported domestic undergraduate places. You clearly have one for this year.

Mr Taylor: My colleagues may have that figure. We certainly produced these for the budget documents.

Mr Griew: I think we should take that on notice. Because this is an estimates document, it is in financial years, so there is an added complexity, because the universities estimate to us in calendar years. Could I suggest we take on notice for you our current projections based on university advice of the years that they have given us those projections for?

Senator KIM CARR: I am looking for—given you are going to answer the same question and give me the same answer, I am sure—the number of Commonwealth supported domestic undergraduate places; the number of Commonwealth supported domestic postgraduate places; the number of domestic enrolments full-time equivalent; the number of domestic postgraduate enrolments full-time equivalent; the number of undergraduate completions; the number of postgraduate coursework completions; the number of higher education graduates in full-time employment within four months of the completion of a degree as a proportion of those available for work; the graduate starting salaries as a proportion of male average weekly earning; the number of domestic undergraduate low-SES enrolments; the statistical area 1 measure of the number of domestic undergraduate students in low-SES across the forwards; and the proportion of higher education undergraduate students from low-SES background. Can you provide that?

Ms Paul: If we can and, of course, Dr Taylor said it relies on university estimates. But you want that over the forwards—

Senator KIM CARR: That is right—based on these new estimates.

Ms Paul: Yes, that is fine.

Answer

Table 1 Key performance indicators.

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Number of Commonwealth supported domestic undergraduate places	558,700	573,800	626,000	646,800	667,000
Number of Commonwealth supported domestic postgraduate coursework places	39,000	39,500	44,000	45,400	45,300
Number of domestic enrolments (full-time equivalent)	721,200	740,000	808,000	835,000	859,000
Number of domestic postgraduate enrolments (full-time equivalents)	122,300	125,000	137,000	142,000	145,000
Number of undergraduate completions	201,200	207,000	226,000	233,000	240,000
Number of postgraduate coursework completions	122,600	125,000	138,000	142,000	145,000
Higher education graduates in full-time employment within four months of completion of degree as a proportion of those available for work (%)	68.1%	66.4%	66.1%	67.1%	67.4%
Graduate starting salaries as a proportion of Male Average Weekly Earnings (%)	74.0%	74.0%	74.0%	74.0%	74.0%
Number of domestic undergraduate low SES enrolments	131,400	141,000	157,000	166,000	175,000
Statistical Area Level 1 (SA1) measure of the number of domestic undergraduates in low SES	119,700	128,000	143,000	151,000	159,000
Proportion of higher education undergraduate students from a low SES background (%)	17.7%	18.1%	18.5%	18.9%	19.3%