

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000141**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

***Expenditure for Universities - projections for 2017***

**Question**

"In the answer to QON ED-0661\_15, the department provides figures up to 2016. I actually requested the projections for 2017. Can these be provided?  
The growth in 2016 over 2015 seems to be largely accounted for by the extension of CGS subsidies to NUHEPs and private universities – is that correct? What do you expect to be the growth in subsidies, under the demand driven system, in funding for CSPs at public universities?  
Is it no more than \$137 million in that year? Is growth of that order in line with past long-term trends?"

**Answer**

As at April 2015, higher education funding (as provided through the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* and Annual Appropriations administered by the Department of Education) is estimated to increase in real terms from 2007 to 2017, as shown in the table overleaf. The numbers previously tabled in ED-0661\_15 were at Budget 2013-14.

A factor in the growth of funding from 2015 to 2016 for teaching and learning (excluding capital) is the expansion of access through the number of student places resulting from the introduction of sub bachelor places at all registered higher education institutions and the demand driven funding system for bachelor places at NUHEPs and private universities.

It is anticipated that funding provided for demand driven Commonwealth supported undergraduate places at public universities from 2015 to 2016 will decrease by 8%.

Overall funding for higher education teaching and learning has continually increased since the inception of the demand driven system and will continue to do so under the Governments proposed reforms from \$11.12 billion in 2012 to \$14.51 billion in 2017.

**Higher education funding 2007 – 2017 (as at April 2015)**

|                                      | 2007<br>\$m     | 2008<br>\$m      | 2009<br>\$m      | 2010<br>\$m      | 2011<br>\$m      | 2012<br>\$m      | 2013<br>\$m      | 2014<br>\$m      | 2015<br>\$m      | 2016<br>\$m      | 2017<br>\$m      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Teaching and Learning (Excl capital) | 7,775.42        | 8,456.35         | 8,856.54         | 9,755.95         | 9,926.12         | 11,117.51        | 11,870.38        | 12,308.54        | 12,600.77        | 13,704.69        | 14,508.34        |
| Research (Excl capital)              | 1,434.75        | 1,420.09         | 1,445.78         | 1,625.99         | 1,650.01         | 1,727.07         | 1,788.43         | 1,733.10         | 1,714.08         | 1,672.45         | 1,655.33         |
| Capital                              | 310.58          | 902.73           | 938.53           | 913.63           | 785.22           | 814.30           | 362.93           | 210.21           | 333.03           | 152.67           | 0.00             |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>9,520.75</b> | <b>10,779.18</b> | <b>11,240.85</b> | <b>12,295.57</b> | <b>12,361.35</b> | <b>13,658.88</b> | <b>14,021.74</b> | <b>14,251.84</b> | <b>14,647.88</b> | <b>15,529.81</b> | <b>16,163.67</b> |

| <b>Difference 2007 to 2017</b>              | <b>\$m</b>      | <b>%</b>   |
|---|-----------------|------------|
| <b>Teaching and Learning (Excl capital)</b> | 6,732.92        | 87%        |
| <b>Research (Excl capital)</b>              | 220.58          | 15%        |
| <b>Capital</b>                              | - 310.58        |            |
| <b>Total Difference 2007 to 2017</b>        | <b>6,642.92</b> | <b>70%</b> |

All funding figures are in 2013 dollars.