

**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. SQ15-000161**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

***Demand Driven System “soaked up” unmet demand***

**Question**

"Universities Australia has said that the first two years of the demand Driven System “soaked up” unmet demand.

- (a) Does the department think that is correct?
- (b) What will be the trends for growth in the next ten or 15 years – say to 2033?
- (c) The Go8 predicts that, over the decade 2020-2030, growth will be about 14%. How does that compare with the decade 2002-2012?"

**Answer**

- (a) Commonwealth supported places (CSPs) grew by over 5 per cent per year in both 2012 and 2013. CSPs grew by 3.7 per cent in 2014 and 2.7 per cent in 2015.

Understandably, there was an increase in demand when the system was implemented, but growth continues every year.

- (b) The forward estimates for numbers of domestic enrolments, full-time equivalent, are as follows:

<b>2014–15 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2015–16 Budget</b>	<b>2016–17</b>	<b>2017–18</b>	<b>2018–19</b>
721,200	740,000	808,000	835,000	859,000

- (c) Over the 11 year period from 2002 to 2012 domestic enrolments grew by 31 per cent.