

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. SQ15-000186

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

Also refer to previous Question No. ED0388_15

CGS funding

Question

"In the answer to QON ED0388_15, the department provides details of the expected financial impact of the extension of CGS funding to all TEQSA-accredited courses. Can you outline the assumptions that underlie these figures?

How many places do you expect to be funded in private universities already operating in Australia, both locally-established and foreign institutions?

How many places do you expect to be funded in NUHEPs? What assumptions have you made about currently accredited courses in NUHEPs? Do you expect, roughly speaking, that all existing accredited courses at these providers will be subsidised? If not, what assumptions have you made?"

Answer

In response to ED0388_15 the department provided the financial impact of the extension of the Commonwealth Grant Scheme to bachelor-level places at all higher education institutions accredited by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency.

To estimate the number of additional places that will be supported by the Commonwealth following implementation of the reforms, the Government assumed that the number of domestic full-fee paying bachelor places in 2012 would grow by 3 per cent per year.

To estimate the number of additional sub-bachelor places that will be supported by the Commonwealth following implementation of the reforms, the Government assumed that the number of domestic full-fee paying sub-bachelor places in 2012 would grow by 3 per cent per year between 2012 and 2015. From 2016 onwards it was assumed that these places would grow at the same rate as overall university estimates for Commonwealth supported places i.e. between 2 and 3 per cent, plus an additional 7,800 places per year to account for growth in the system.

Using this assumption, the following number of additional CSPs is expected in 2016.

	Additional undergraduate CSPs
Private universities	6800
Non university higher education institutions	26,300