

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000413

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

La Trobe University

Question

On La Trobe University's website there is information on pathways to La Trobe bachelor's courses through TAFE: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/your-options/diploma-or-tafe-pathway>

- Please explain the details of Commonwealth funding arrangements for this?
- I understand that the TAFE providers involved will receive more generous Commonwealth funding for Diploma subjects that can count towards a degree – amounting to around \$2000 per student extra? Can you confirm that?
- How does the funding work?
- Is it part of the agreement with La Trobe that the University has agreed to stay within its forecast enrolment growth? Does this provision amount to a “soft cap” on La Trobe's funded enrolments? If not, why not?

Answer

La Trobe University receives funding subsidies under the Commonwealth Grant Scheme (CGS) for any student who undertakes units towards a bachelor degree. This may include through third-party teaching arrangements. TAFE providers involved do not receive additional Commonwealth funding for these students.

The department has not increased La Trobe University's allocation of sub bachelor places.

There is no requirement that La Trobe University remain within its forecast enrolment growth in the demand driven system.