

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International

Department of Education Question No. ED0051_15

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

International scholarships falling

Why is the number of international scholarships falling from 6,128 in 13-14 to 5,500 in 14-15 as outlined in the portfolio budget statements on page 85?

Answer

The figure of 6128 represents the actual number of international scholarships, fellowships and exchange opportunities supported in 2013-14.

The figure of 5500 for 2014-15 and subsequent years represents an estimate of opportunities to be supported per year.

Estimates are typically conservative as actual numbers supported in any one year are dependent upon the quality of applications.