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Question

Potential increase in enrolments - private providers

Senator RHIANNON: I am interested to go to that. I want to clarify the numbers, because I heard the minister recently use the number 200 to indicate how many education providers will now be eligible for funding. It was actually last Sunday on Insiders. Is that a figure you are aware of? Mr Griew: Look, I do not recall that figure so I could not comment. There are currently, I think, the figure is 177 registered higher education providers in Australia. That is pretty close to 200, or of that sort of order. We have estimated 80,000 new students coming through either non-university and private university bachelor courses by 2018 or through the extension of the demand driven system to sub-bachelor places on the basis of our estimate of demand and supply. Ms Paul: We could break that down, too, if you are interested. There are two major planks of reform that Mr Griew is talking about here. The first one is the extension of Commonwealth funding to private higher education providers that you have just been mentioning. The second one is the extension of Commonwealth funding to higher education diploma, advanced diploma and associated degrees. We have done estimates of our potential increases in enrolments in each, so we can give you those. Senator RHIANNON: Can you answer how many are with private providers? Mr Griew: Do you mean between private providers as opposed to— Senator RHIANNON: I am trying to separate out the non-university education providers. Mr Griew: We would have to take that on notice. I am not sure that we have broken it down between private universities and non-university providers. Ms Borthwick: Is this for the sub-bachelor or the bachelor? Senator RHIANNON: The 48,000. We had the split. I am interested in the figures between public universities, private universities and non-university higher education. If we could have what that split comes down to, it would be useful. For the 45,000, I understood Mr Griew to say that none of that is public. I am just trying to understand that figure.

Answer

As at 19 June 2014 the National Register of higher education providers managed by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency listed 174 registered institutions.