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Question

Degrees offered in non-public universities

Senator Payne: Senator, are you counting in your question any places which might potentially be in the higher education parts of TAFEs—so bachelor places and, therefore, public? Senator RHIANNON: Yes. I am interested in that and getting that whole picture, but it does not sound like you have got that. Mr Griew: We can give you the current situation. As Mr Warburton said, we started with the status quo because there are some funded and some unfunded places, with students doing bachelor courses, and project it forward. So we could give you some information. Senator RHIANNON: But you have not done the projections on the expected growth in the private providers? Mr Griew: We have done projected growth on that whole population. Mr Warburton: The system is opening up and students have choice as to where they go. What we have not done is tried to predict where they are going to go. We are predicting the size of the system, but we are giving students choice. It is up to them. Ms Paul: If it would help, we could certainly give you how many degrees are currently offered in non-public universities and the related numbers to set the current landscape, if you like. Senator RHIANNON: So both the private universities and the private providers? Can you do that currently? Ms Paul: Yes. Senator RHIANNON: You can take that on notice.

Answer

There were 69 private universities and non-university higher education institutions in 2013. A total of 529 Bachelor degree courses were being offered in these institutions and 51,906 students were undertaking these courses.