

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0365\_15**

**Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2014 , Hansard page 66**

**Question**

***Cost of dentistry***

Senator KIM CARR: Overstated. Tell me how much it costs for dentistry. CHAIR: That is an undergraduate course, is it not? Senator KIM CARR: That is the point. What they have done on dentistry is very interesting. They call it a doctorate or something, do they not, of dentistry? They have actually sought to get around those regulations. Mr Griew: I will have to take that question on notice. I am not sure of the answer to that. Senator KIM CARR: I am told it is about \$240,000. Mr Griew: This is for international students? Senator KIM CARR: No. For domestic students. It is way past the guidelines. They take it into the postgraduate program to get around the regulations. CHAIR: But they play two days of golf. Mr Griew: I will have to take that on notice.

**Answer**

In 2012, there were 3339 domestic students enrolled in dentistry courses at Australian universities (not including higher degrees by research). Of the 2767 students who were enrolled at the undergraduate level, 2729 were enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place. Of the 572 students enrolled at the postgraduate level, 97 were enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place.

A number of universities offer full-fee domestic postgraduate dentistry courses. The tuition fees charged to fee paying students are not regulated by the Australian Government. Providers are able to set course costs which reflect the costs associated with delivering each course.