

**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. ED0366\_15**

**Senator Carr asked on 5 June 2014 , Hansard page 67**

**Question**

**Growth of number of full time equivalent undergraduate students**

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. With regard to the forward estimates, the PBS shows the government expects the number of full-time equivalent undergraduate students to grow over the forward estimates. It has projected some 80,000 additional places. That is right, is it not? Ms Paul: What page are you on, Senator? Are you in the PBS? Senator KIM CARR: The PBS at page 69. What are those figures based on? Mr Griew: They will be based on the information we receive projecting EFTSL from universities and then, from 2016, the estimate process that Mr Warburton explained to you. Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to give me a breakdown of those forecasts? Mr Griew: In what way? Senator KIM CARR: In terms of the source of the 80,000, by provider? Ms Paul: The source of the sorry? Senator KIM CARR: The providers. Mr Griew: The growth. Ms Paul: Of the growth? Mr Griew: For the same reason that this is a bit like a question that we took on notice from Senator Rhiannon. If I understand you right, we can explain the derivation of the growth in terms of what part of it came from low projections from universities and which part came from the calculations of the extra bachelor places we would expect to be offering as a result of the extension of the demand driven system. Exactly where those students will sit I would want to exercise a degree of caution about. But if we take that on notice, we will do our best for you.

**Answer**

See the answer to the question ED0050\_15 titled "Number of full-time equivalent undergraduate students".