

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Curtin Medical School

Question

Ms Reardon: The estimated CGS and HELP cost together in 2019-20 is in the order of \$5.8 million.

Senator KIM CARR: That is per annum?

Ms Reardon: That is right.

Senator KIM CARR: What is that calculated at? What is the CGS figure for a medical place?

Ms Reardon: I do not have that with me; I am sorry.

Mr Griew: We can get that, though we will not have it indexed forward to that year.

Senator KIM CARR: Can you provide that on notice please?

Mr Griew: Yes, we can give you that. It will be an estimate.

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Senator KIM CARR: I know. You mentioned there were two categories. I am interested in knowing how you calculate that. Obviously there is the CGS figure based on what the indexation rates are up at that point and there is a loan figure. Is that right?

Mr Griew: That is included in that figure.

Senator KIM CARR: Yes, but the \$5.8 million is divided into two parts.

Mr Griew: You want that broken down?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes please.

Answer

The estimated Commonwealth Grant Scheme cost per annum for a medical student is \$19,400 in 2019 and \$19,900 in 2020 per equivalent full time student.

The estimated Commonwealth Grant Scheme costs in 2019 and 2020 were derived using the funding rates announced as part of the Government's higher education and research reforms. The estimates apply indexation parameters based on confidential Treasury estimates.

The estimated cost of the Curtin University medical school in 2019–20 will be \$5.4 million to the Commonwealth Grant Scheme and \$0.5 million to the Higher Education Loan Programme.