

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000409

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Year 12 enrolments - refer to SQ15-000201

Question

In regards to QON SQ15-000201:

Can you explain your assumptions? What factors have led you to make these predictions?

Can you confirm that Year 12 enrolments, which you also provide as part of that answer, don't grow significantly until around 2022?

Answer

These estimates are based primarily on estimates provided by universities. They also include the impact of the Government's proposed higher education reforms, which assume annual growth of around 2-3 per cent per year, plus an additional 7800 places each year from 2016 to allow for the creation of new sub-bachelor courses.

Departmental projections of the number of Year 12 enrolments are generated using a grade progression methodology. Faster growth in the number of Year 12 enrolments beyond 2022 reflects underlying trends in population growth.