

## Senate Committee: Education and Employment

### QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000634**

Senator Collins, Jacinta asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 107

#### ***Commonwealth Grant Scheme***

#### **Question**

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: .... Can the department provide the growth projections which would impact the Commonwealth Grant Scheme funding for the following over the forwards: (a) growth in undergraduate places overall and for each university; (b) growth in sub-bachelor places overall and for each university; (c) growth or decline in postgraduate coursework Commonwealth supported places overall and for each university.

Dr Bruniges: We will have to take that one on notice.

#### **Answer**

It is not possible to establish reliable projections for sub-bachelor places, undergraduate and postgraduate for each university, or the split between sub-bachelor and bachelor places at the sector level, as these places will be affected by decisions that are yet to be taken by universities and students in response to the higher education measures announced in the 2017–18 Budget.

The table below shows the aggregate projections for Commonwealth supported places at the undergraduate and postgraduate level as at the 2017–18 Budget.

	2016–17 Expected	2017–18 Target	2018–19 Target	2019–20 Target	2020–21 Target
Undergraduate	581,300	582,500	585,000	595,000	601,100
Postgraduate coursework	40,700	42,800	42,500	42,300	42,100