

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. SQ17-000636

Senator Collins, Jacinta asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 108

Commonwealth Grant Scheme

Question

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: The next step forward was the next level of my question. Did those assumptions not inform the budget calculations? Undergraduate, sub-bachelor and postgraduate coursework—surely there were assumptions that informed the calculations there that you could fairly easily provide me with.

Dr Bruniges: We would provide a range of advice in the budget process, but that would be advice to government.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: What? Your assumptions?

Dr Bruniges: It would be part of the advice to government.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: So the financial estimates and the assumptions about growth are just advice to government?

Mr Learmonth: There may also be budget-in-confidence parameters that go to the forward estimates. We would prefer to take it on notice and provide what we are able to provide.

Answer

Provider projections of Commonwealth supported places are available on page 48 of the *2017–18 Department of Education and Training Portfolio Budget Statements*:

	2016–17 Expected	2017–18 Target	2018–19 Target	2019–20 Target	2020–21 Target
Number of Commonwealth supported domestic undergraduate places	581,300	582,500	585,000	595,000	601,100
Number of Commonwealth supported domestic postgraduate coursework places	40,700	42,800	42,500	42,300	42,100