

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Reform & Support**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0661\_15**

**Senator Carr asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 123**

**Question**

**expenditure on universities**

Senator KIM CARR: No, I want a comparison in real dollars from 2007 through to 2013. Ms Paul: Of what, sorry? Senator KIM CARR: Of expenditure on universities, the cost in dollars. In fact, I suggest to the end of the forward estimates period, which would actually be 2017. The reference here is that would allow you to include the efficiency dividend announced by Dr Emerson. Mr Griew: What we have given you is a comparison from 2007 to 2016—the end of the forward estimates period— Senator KIM CARR: I thought the estimates period was to 2017? Mr Griew: We are using the calendar year from 2013-14, so it is 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17. Ms Paul: As at budget 2013, which is, I think, where you were placed. Mr Griew: On that reasoning it would be 2017—I will check that. What we have given you is percentage change in real terms.

**Answer**

As at the Budget 2013-14, higher education funding (as provided through the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* and Annual Appropriations administered by the Department of Education) was estimated to increase in real terms from 2007 to 2016, as shown in the table overleaf.

A substantial factor in the growth of funding for teaching and learning (excluding capital) is the increase in the number of student places due to the introduction of the demand driven funding system.

The department requested information on income support expenditure provided to higher education students from the Department of Social Services. The Department of Social Services advised that expenditure data is not captured or reported at the sector level.

### Higher education funding 2007 – 2016 (as at 2013-14 Federal Budget)

	2007 \$m	2008 \$m	2009 \$m	2010 \$m	2011 \$m	2012 \$m	2013 \$m	2014 \$m	2015 \$m	2016 \$m
Teaching and Learning (Excl capital)	7,775.42	8,456.35	8,856.54	9,755.95	9,926.12	11,117.51	11,895.25	12,528.72	13,032.54	13,618.56
Research (Excl capital)	1,434.75	1,420.09	1,445.78	1,625.99	1,650.01	1,727.07	1,748.43	1,721.14	1,725.67	1,830.74
Capital	310.58	902.73	938.53	913.63	785.22	814.30	363.43	335.90	140.00	177.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,520.75</b>	<b>10,779.18</b>	<b>11,240.85</b>	<b>12,295.57</b>	<b>12,361.35</b>	<b>13,658.88</b>	<b>14,007.12</b>	<b>14,585.75</b>	<b>14,898.21</b>	<b>15,626.87</b>

Difference 2007 to 2016	\$m	%
Teaching and Learning (Excl capital)	5,843.14	75%
Research (Excl capital)	395.99	28%
Capital	- 133.00	-43%
<b>Total Difference 2007 to 2016</b>	<b>6,106.12</b>	<b>64%</b>

All funding figures are in 2013 dollars.

Note that a substantial factor in the growth of funding for teaching and learning (excl capital) is the increase in the number of student places due to the introduction of the demand driven funding system.