

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. ED0695_15

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Tertiary admissions

What relationships does the Department have with the state and territory bodies that process tertiary admissions applications?

Does the Department have an understanding of what trends are emerging?

Are applications up or down?

Professor Dewar told the Committee on 8 October, 2014, that “numbers are being affected” for mature age and part time students. Is that the Department’s understanding? If so, has this happened before? Please provide details.

Answer

Tertiary Admissions Centres (TACs) report applications and offers data through the department’s Higher Education Information Management System (HEIMS) database.

Preliminary applications are on trend in 2015. Direct applications have increased from 61,905 in 2010 to 89,718 in 2014. 96.4 per cent of direct applications are made by non-Year 12 applicants. Over the same period, non-year 12 applications to TACs have declined from 129,464 in 2010 to 123,822 in 2014.