

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

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Student Mobility Programs - other mobility grants

Question

Can students enrolled in the New Colombo Plan also access other mobility grants from the Commonwealth?

If so,

- How many students in the years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 have done so?
- What is the average amount each student has been granted

Answer

A student who has received a New Colombo Plan mobility grant can access other mobility grants under the Australia Awards-Endeavour Mobility Grants program.

- Student details provided by institutions indicate that there are 79 individuals in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years who have received mobility grants under both the New Colombo Plan and Endeavour Mobility Grants. The funding rounds for 2015-16 and 2016-17 are still ongoing so student data is not complete.
- Table 1: Australia Awards-Endeavour Mobility Grants

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Average student grant amount	\$2807	\$2807	\$2705	\$2818

Endeavour Mobility Grants are set at \$2000 per student for short-term study and \$5000 per student for semester-based study. A \$1000 Asian language grant per student is also available.

Table 2: New Colombo Plan mobility program

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Average student grant amount	\$3118	\$2892	N/A	N/A

New Colombo Plan mobility grants are set at \$1000 to \$3000 per student for short-term study and \$3000-\$7000 per student for semester-based study. An additional \$1000 per student is available for an internship that is part the semester study program.