

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Kim Carr

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Question:

For the Higher Education Support Act 2003 - Commonwealth Scholarships please provide:

- a. the 2012-13 updated budget outcome for this program
- b. Current forward estimates for 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18
- c. What the breakdown of these estimates is between administered and Departmental costs?
- d. How many FTE staff positions are allocated to the running of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 - Commonwealth Scholarships?

Answer:

Commonwealth Scholarships Programme funding is paid on a calendar year basis.

- a. The 2012-13 updated budget outcome for this programme is \$1,667,000.
- b. The current forward estimates are
 - 2013-14: \$16,783,000
 - 2014-15: \$16,558,000
 - 2015-16: \$17,285,000
 - 2016-17: \$18,020,000
 - 2017-18: This information will be available when the 2014-15 budget is delivered.
- c. All funds above are administered.
- d. The Department is unable to calculate exact staff to a specific programmes.