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TOPIC: University Compacts

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1. How will the process and mission-based compacts that have been negotiated with each university be impacted by the changed departmental structure and the transfer of Outcome 3 from DEEWR to DIISRTE following the recent machinery of government changes?
2. What performance funding has been provided to each university in total to date under these mission-based compacts?
3. What is the low-SES enrolment target for each individual university agreed as part of the compact with the Department, what is the basis of this target, and what additional funding is offered if the target is met by each institution?

ANSWER

1. Mission-based Compacts will not be affected by the recent machinery of government changes. The 2011-2013 Compacts that were agreed between universities, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and the former Department of Industry, Innovation, Science and Research are already signed and in place.

As higher education functions have now been transferred to the new Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE), Compacts are now the responsibility of the new Department. Compacts for the next compact period (2014-2016) will be negotiated with universities by DIISRTE officers. As the current Compacts are already signed they will not be impacted by the changes.

2. A total of \$192.1 million in Facilitation Funding has been provided to universities to date under the Compacts. Table 1 provides details of this funding by university.

In order to receive Facilitation Funding, universities have informed the Australian Government of strategies and goals for achieving the university's teaching and learning mission described in their 2011-2013 Compact; and, agreed to performance targets, to participate in the development of higher education performance indicators and establish baseline performance.

3. Reward Funding of \$13.8 million in 2012 provides universities with incentive to increase the participation of students from a low SES background and to ensure these students are not left behind with the introduction of the demand driven funding system. Table 2 shows

the baseline, 2012 low SES performance target for each university, whether the university has been set an excellence or improvement target and Reward Funding available for those universities that achieve their target.

All universities are expected to contribute to meeting the Government's national goal that by 2020, 20 per cent of undergraduate students will be from a low SES background. Universities that already have high levels of low SES participation have been set excellence targets based on the low SES catchment in their respective states. Alternatively, universities with lower levels of low SES participation have been set improvement targets consistent with progress towards achieving the national goal.

Assessment of whether universities have achieved their 2012 low SES targets will be based on 2011 student enrolment data which is expected to be available in the December quarter 2012.

Table 1: Facilitation Funding by University, \$'000

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	2011 Facilitation Funding	2012 Facilitation Funding (a)	Total Facilitation Funding
Table A Providers			
New South Wales			
Australian Catholic University	1,740	2,482	4,221
Charles Sturt University	2,486	2,624	5,110
Macquarie University	1,737	1,998	3,736
Southern Cross University	1,196	1,094	2,290
The University of New England	1,481	1,428	2,910
The University of New South Wales	3,655	4,107	7,762
The University of Newcastle	3,163	3,331	6,493
The University of Sydney	4,992	4,793	9,785
University of Technology, Sydney	2,473	2,556	5,029
University of Western Sydney	3,608	4,172	7,780
University of Wollongong	2,075	2,144	4,219
Victoria			
Deakin University	3,142	3,266	6,408
La Trobe University	2,976	3,092	6,068
Monash University	4,812	5,021	9,833
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	3,046	3,394	6,439
Swinburne University of Technology	1,240	1,641	2,881
The University of Melbourne	4,467	4,147	8,614
University of Ballarat	786	828	1,614
Victoria University	1,932	2,101	4,033
Queensland			
Central Queensland University	1,242	1,133	2,376
Griffith University	3,684	3,749	7,433
James Cook University	2,164	1,926	4,089
Queensland University of Technology	3,779	3,776	7,555
The University of Queensland	4,465	4,694	9,159
University of Southern Queensland	1,584	1,638	3,221
University of the Sunshine Coast	1,018	1,111	2,129
Western Australia			
Curtin University of Technology	2,983	3,054	6,038
Edith Cowan University	2,148	2,277	4,425
Murdoch University	1,565	1,406	2,971
The University of Western Australia	2,660	2,682	5,342
South Australia			
The Flinders University of South Australia	1,771	1,964	3,735
The University of Adelaide	2,406	2,596	5,002
University of South Australia	2,869	2,861	5,730
Tasmania			
University of Tasmania	2,715	2,462	5,177
Northern Territory			
Charles Darwin University	772	708	1,480
Australian Capital Territory			
University of Canberra	1,035	1,204	2,239
Commonwealth			
The Australian National University	4,373	4,362	8,735
Grand Total	94,239	97,820	192,060

(a) paid in fortnightly instalments throughout the 2012 calendar year

Table 2: Low-SES Enrolment Targets by University

	----- 1A: Low SES background -----			
	Baseline	2012 Target	Target Type	Potential Reward Funding
Table A Providers				
New South Wales				
Australian Catholic University	13.46%	13.71%	Improvement	\$362,389
Charles Sturt University	18.78%	18.36%	Excellence	\$383,148
Macquarie University	7.26%	7.51%	Improvement	\$291,822
Southern Cross University	22.82%	18.36%	Excellence	\$159,722
The University of New England	19.43%	18.36%	Excellence	\$208,550
The University of New South Wales	8.76%	9.01%	Improvement	\$599,760
The University of Newcastle	20.03%	18.36%	Excellence	\$486,387
The University of Sydney	8.47%	8.72%	Improvement	\$699,899
University of Technology, Sydney	10.67%	10.92%	Improvement	\$373,272
University of Western Sydney	19.13%	18.36%	Excellence	\$609,247
University of Wollongong	14.11%	14.36%	Improvement	\$313,137
Victoria				
Deakin University	12.55%	12.80%	Improvement	\$476,915
La Trobe University	16.59%	16.84%	Improvement	\$451,510
Monash University	11.01%	11.26%	Improvement	\$733,237
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	15.63%	15.88%	Improvement	\$495,553
Swinburne University of Technology	10.99%	11.24%	Improvement	\$239,669
The University of Melbourne	8.47%	8.72%	Improvement	\$592,425
University of Ballarat	20.43%	17.35%	Excellence	\$120,896
Victoria University	22.13%	17.35%	Excellence	\$306,780
Queensland				
Central Queensland University	28.43%	19.39%	Excellence	\$165,487
Griffith University	13.13%	13.38%	Improvement	\$547,473
James Cook University	20.87%	19.39%	Excellence	\$281,210
Queensland University of Technology	10.79%	11.04%	Improvement	\$551,395
The University of Queensland	10.30%	10.55%	Improvement	\$685,400
University of Southern Queensland	23.30%	19.39%	Excellence	\$239,186
University of the Sunshine Coast	17.85%	18.10%	Improvement	\$162,181
Western Australia				
Curtin University of Technology	10.75%	11.00%	Improvement	\$446,022
Edith Cowan University	13.36%	13.61%	Improvement	\$332,563
Murdoch University	14.59%	14.84%	Improvement	\$205,390
The University of Western Australia	5.69%	5.94%	Improvement	\$391,710
South Australia				
The Flinders University of South Australia	17.96%	18.21%	Improvement	\$286,780
The University of Adelaide	12.38%	12.63%	Improvement	\$379,162
University of South Australia	19.48%	19.73%	Improvement	\$417,732
Tasmania				
University of Tasmania	21.77%	22.02%	Improvement	\$348,736
Northern Territory				
Charles Darwin University	13.64%	13.89%	Improvement	\$103,329
Australian Capital Territory				
University of Canberra	6.73%	6.98%	Improvement	\$175,770
Commonwealth				
The Australian National University	4.96%	5.21%	Improvement	\$171,388
Grand Total				\$13,795,232