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TOPIC: Research and Training Staff Statistics

REFERENCE: Question on Notice (Hansard, 28 May 2012, pages 75 and 76)

QUESTION No.: BI-234

Dr Taylor: In terms of the data, the number of staff employed at Australian universities increased by 21.1 per cent for the period 2005 to 2010, which is the latest of our data. The number of full-time equivalent staff increased by 18 per cent in that same period.

Senator RHIANNON: Have you got a breakdown of those staff between research and teaching, or both?

Dr Taylor: Yes, I do. The teaching-only staff as a percentage of full-time equivalent staff is 86.5 per cent. I might take that one on notice actually, rather than fumble through my figures here.

ANSWER

1. The number of staff employed at Australian universities increased by 21.1 per cent for the period 2005 to 2011 (Table 1). The number of full-time equivalent staff (including actual casual staff) increased by 18 per cent between the years 2005 and 2010 (Table 2).
2. A detailed breakdown of teaching-only, research-only, teaching and research and other staff as percentages of all full-time equivalent staff is at Table 2.

Table 1: Number of Full-time and Fractional Full-time Staff by Function, 2005 to 2011^(a)

Year	Teaching	Research	Teaching &	Other	Total
	Only	Only	Research		
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
2005	1,239	11,933	28,148	49,087	90,407
2006	1,422	12,944	28,280	49,362	92,008
2007	1,655	13,857	28,970	50,580	95,062
2008	1,502	14,547	29,957	52,372	98,378
2009	1,787	15,455	30,693	54,995	102,930
2010	2,060	15,704	31,313	56,882	105,959
2011	2,943	15,985	31,757	58,839	109,524
% change 2005-11	137.5%	34.0%	12.8%	19.9%	21.1%
As a prop ⁿ of all staff 2011	2.7%	14.6%	29.0%	53.7%	100.0%

(a) Data for 2009 do not include the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

Note that these figures do not include actual casual staff.

Table 2: FTE of Full-time, Fractional Full-time and Actual Casual Staff by Function, 2005 to 2010^(a)

Year	Teaching Only	Research Only	Teaching & Research	Other	Total
	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE	FTE
2005	8,118	11,463	25,239	49,174	93,994
2006	8,566	12,262	25,271	49,655	95,754
2007	8,610	13,094	25,747	50,838	98,289
2008	8,986	13,938	26,273	53,073	102,270
2009	10,117	14,400	26,757	55,947	107,221
2010	10,844	14,937	27,074	58,075	110,930
% change 2005-10	33.6%	30.3%	7.3%	18.1%	18.0%
As a prop ⁿ of all staff FTE 2010	9.8%	13.5%	24.4%	52.4%	100.0%

(a) Data for 2009 do not include the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education. 2011 Actual casual is not yet available.