

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2  
**Output Group:** 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education

#### DEST Question No. E104\_05

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

#### Question:

In relation to the answer to question E723\_04, whether DEST thinks those estimates are meaningless or not is irrelevant.

- (a) Please provide estimates of the funding for the years 2005-2008 inclusive for the total Commonwealth funding to universities through the Education, Science and Training portfolio under the Higher Education Funding Act 1988, in the absence of the Higher Education Support Act 2003.
- (b) Please also provide estimates for the total Commonwealth funding to universities through the Education, Science and Training portfolio under the Higher Education Support Act 2003 and BAA2.

#### Answer:

*Commonwealth funding to universities*

- (a) Total Commonwealth funding under HEFA if the current arrangements continued.

HEFA	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Base Operating Grants	2813.426	2875.517	2882.286	2884.692	2884.769
HECS	1934.118	1982.988	1980.609	1980.256	1980.099
Total Operating Grant	4747.544	4858.504	4862.895	4864.947	4864.868
Marginal Funding	67.276	68.689	68.689	68.689	68.689
Teaching Hospitals	5.539	5.655	5.655	5.655	5.655
Research Training Scheme	540.797	552.153	552.153	552.153	552.153
Institutional Grants Scheme	284.615	290.591	290.591	290.591	290.591
Research Infrastructure Block Grants	160.311	163.678	163.678	163.678	163.678
Higher Education Equity Programme	9.380	9.577	9.577	9.577	9.577
Workplace Reform Programme	88.703	86.535	86.514	86.493	86.493
Regional Protection Scheme	5.759				
Superannuation Grants	124.340	126.951	126.951	126.951	126.951
Capital Development Pool	43.170	44.077	44.077	44.077	44.077
Higher Education Innovation Programme	8.438	8.615	8.615	8.615	8.615
Systemic Infrastructure	54.752	55.902	53.653		
Open Learning Initiative	0.247	0.252	0.252	0.252	0.252

HEFA	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Open Learning Deferred Payments	3.254	3.322	3.322	3.322	3.322
Australian Educ International	5.537	5.653	5.653	5.653	5.653
Australian Postgraduate Awards	89.298	91.18	91.385	91.734	92.219
International Postgraduate Awards	17.742	18.115	18.115	18.115	18.115
Total HEFA	6256.702	6389.449	6391.775	6340.502	6340.908

**Note:** Funding amounts are in 2005 prices for comparison purposes, as the legislated amounts under HESA are at the same price levels.

(b) Total Commonwealth funding under HESA and BAA2 are as follows.

(i) Programmes funded under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*

Programme	Legislated Amounts			
	2005 \$m	2006 \$m	2007 \$m	2008 \$m
Commonwealth Grants Scheme (CGS)	3,024.785	3,159.366	3,301.702	3,364.997
Regional Loading	28.470	28.642	28.793	28.782
Enabling Loading	12.224	12.311	12.434	12.558
Learning Scholarships	42.158	66.882	91.780	99.453
International Postgraduate Research Scholarship Scheme	18.115	18.115	18.115	18.115
Indigenous Support Fund	27.088	28.767	30.446	32.126
Equity Programmes	17.302	17.302	17.302	17.302
Workplace Productivity Programme	0.000	26.740	26.740	26.740
Workplace Reform Programme	46.316	46.316	46.316	46.316
Learning and Teaching Performance Fund	0.000	53.480	80.220	106.960
National Institutes	161.151	161.426	161.740	161.631
Capital Development Pool	50.134	55.893	49.864	49.748
Superannuation Programme	126.951	126.951	126.951	126.951
Institutional Grants Scheme	290.591	290.591	290.591	290.591
Research Infrastructure Block Grants	182.982	196.181	196.181	196.181
Research Training	643.333	643.539	643.887	644.372
Regional Protection Scheme	3.029	3.029	3.029	3.029
Collaboration and Structural Reform Programme	13.112	13.299	10.935	4.411
Systemic Infrastructure Initiative	55.902	53.653	0.000	0.000
Quality Initiatives	5.115	28.129	28.129	28.129
Research Promotion	2.986	2.986	2.986	2.986
Open Learning Initiative	0.252	0.252	0.252	0.252

**Note:** HELP estimates are not included in HESA.

(ii) Programmes funded under the *Higher Education Funding Act 1988*

Programme	2005 \$m	2006 \$m	2007 \$m	2008 \$m
Transition Fund	21.989	9.609	7.548	0.000

(iii) Programmes funded under the *Appropriations Act (Annual Appropriations)*

<b>Programme</b>	<b>2005/06 \$m</b>	<b>2006/07 \$m</b>	<b>2007/08 \$m</b>	<b>2008/09 \$m</b>
Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council	0.398	0.271	0.276	0.282
Learned Academies	0.893	0.000	0.000	0.000
Framework for Open Learning	2.694	2.748	2.803	2.859
Australian Education International (AEI)	0	5.727	5.835	5.951
Grants-in-Aid	0.017	0.000	0.000	0.000
Anglo-Australian Telescope Board	4.112	4.571	4.663	4.76
James Cook University Special Project	2.4	0.000	0.000	0.000
National Research Collaboration & Infrastructure Strategy	0.000	13.100	98.004	100.302