

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

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Senator Carr asked on 3 June 2004, EWRE Hansard page 42.

Question:

What is the net gain across the sector of EFTSU next year?

How many more Australians will be able to start university next year?

Answer:

Net gain of EFTSU

- (1) It is estimated that there will be a net gain of around 7,000 commencing Commonwealth supported university places in 2005 over 2004. This does not include the potentially large number of full fee students (up to 35 per cent of total enrolment in all courses except medicine) that universities can enrol if they wish.
- (2) The net gain of around 7,000 EFTSL converts to about 10,000 Australians (both full-time and part-time – based on 2002 and 2003 data demonstrating the relationship between EFTSL and student numbers). The numbers of Australians who take up the full fee-paying option cannot be predicted.