

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.4 - Funding for Higher Education

DEST Question No. E368_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

- a) What about the numbers of students in higher education award courses – undergraduate and postgraduate?
How does MUP compare (with Bond and Notre Dame)?
- b) What about staff numbers?
How many academic staff do Bond and Notre Dame have? And MUP?

The MUP Annual Report lists 14 academic staff. Then there are the 39 “Fellows”.

- c) Have “Fellows” been listed before, in earlier annual reports, by MUP?
- d) Have you asked MUP what is the status and role of these Fellows?
- e) Are they employed by MUP?
- f) Should they be counted in the DEST staffing statistics, for example?
- g) Are the Fellows appointed to boost MUP’s research publication numbers?
- h) What do they actually do beyond that?
- i) Are they genuine academic staff members of MUP?
- j) Where do they actually work?
- k) Have you looked into these matters? What did you find?

Answer:

Melbourne University Private statistics

- a) Data for student enrolments for Bond University and the University of Notre Dame Australia are provided below. The Department does not collect statistics from Melbourne University Private (MUP). It is not required to submit this information as it does not receive any Commonwealth support. The Senator would need to refer the question about current enrolments at MUP to the university.

Institution	Undergraduate Students (2004)	Postgraduate Students (2004)
Bond University*	2,045	1,775
University of Notre Dame, Australia *	3,111	796

* This data is from DEST UniStats collection 2004.

- b) The University of Notre Dame, Australia (UNDA), had 52 academic staff in 2004. Staff numbers are not available for Bond University and MUP. UNDA and Bond University are Table B providers and as such are required to submit data on Commonwealth supported students only. Table B providers can volunteer to submit data on all students and staff. UNDA is the only Table B provider that has elected to do this. MUP is not required to submit data to DEST as it does not receive any Commonwealth support.
- c) No.
- d) No.
- e) The Department has no information on this issue.
- f) No. Melbourne University Private is not required to provide statistical data to the Department.
- g) to j) The Department has no information on this issue.
- k) No.