

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Mason asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 71.

Question

Growth In Undergraduate Student Numbers

Senator MASON: No, I am happy for that to be taken as a question on notice, Mr Warburton. That is fine. But can you please provide—and again, Ms Paul, this may need to be taken on notice—a specific breakdown of the number of undergraduate and postgraduate—so both—that are included in each of the \$1.2 billion contained in the forward estimates going to the Commonwealth grant scheme.

Ms Paul: Sure.

Senator MASON: Is that all right?

Ms Paul: Yes. We will take that on notice.

Senator MASON: The projected.

Ms Paul: Yes. Clearly, that is the implication. There is a number, but let's get it on notice.

Answer

The forward estimates of expenditure for the Commonwealth Grant Scheme were updated in the 2011-12 Budget:

- Based on advice from higher education providers the Government estimated that these providers would deliver a total of 521 000 Commonwealth supported places in 2011. This includes undergraduate places which are estimated to have grown from 444 000 places in 2009 to 488 000 places in 2011, and postgraduate places which are estimated to have grown from 25 000 places in 2009 to 33 000 places in 2011.
- An additional \$1.2 billion was provided for the Commonwealth Grant Scheme to support this growth in Commonwealth supported places, bringing the total funding for the demand driven system to \$3.97 billion over the 2010 to 2015 calendar years.

The total number of undergraduate and postgraduate Commonwealth supported places funded at all providers across the forward estimates period is outlined in the table below.

Commonwealth Supported Places (EFTSL) at all providers

	2010 Estimated EFTSL	2011 Estimated EFTSL	2012 Estimated EFTSL	2013 Estimated EFTSL	2014 Estimated EFTSL
Undergraduate	469 428	488 000	507 000	513 000	517 000
Postgraduate	30 276	33 000	35 000	36 000	36 000
Total	499 704	521 000	542 000	549 000	553 000

(a) All data are DEEWR estimates as at Budget 2011/12

(b) Includes public universities and private providers

(c) Source: DEEWR PBS 2011-12 p91