

OUTCOME 6**INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE – AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE IS ENHANCED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF AUSTRALIA'S EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND TRAINING AND STRENGTHENING AND DIVERSIFYING INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES AND COLLABORATION.****Outcome 6 resourcing**

Table 3.6.1 shows how the 2007-08 Budget appropriations translate to total resourcing for outcome 6, including administered expenses, revenue from government (appropriation), revenue from other sources, and the total price of outputs.

Table 3.6.1: Total resources for Outcome 6 (\$'000)

	Estimated Actual 2006 - 07 \$'000	Budget Estimate 2007 - 08 \$'000
Departmental appropriations		
Output 6.1 – Policy Services	8,854	10,111
Output 6.2 – Programme Management	25,592	23,736
Output 6.3 – Service Delivery	804	746
Total revenue from government (appropriations) contributing to price of departmental outputs	35,250	34,593
Revenue from other sources		
Departmental	16,148	17,088
Total price of departmental outputs (Total revenue from government and from other sources)	51,398	51,681
Administered expenses		
International Postgraduate Research Scholarships Scheme	18,828	19,205
International Education and Training	27,259	35,893
Assessment Subsidy for Overseas Trained Professionals (ASDOT)	713	728
Total administered expenses	46,800	55,826
Total administered revenues	426	426
Total estimated resourcing for Outcome 5 (Total price of outputs and administered appropriations)	98,198	107,507
Average staffing level	192	188

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Measures affecting Outcome 6

Australia-China Free Trade Agreement - continuation of negotiations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.2	0.2		

Australia-Japan Free Trade Agreement – commencement of negotiations

Expense (\$m)	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Department of Education, Science and Training	0.1	0.1		

Contributions to achievement of Outcome 6

Internationalisation brings intellectual, social, economic and security benefits for Australia, and the Australian Government's aim is to encourage and facilitate international education and training engagement in line with the national interest.

International engagement in education, science and training builds linkages between Australian and overseas institutions and enriches the experience of domestic students, researchers and teaching staff. Such engagement also provides Australia with a role in educating the next generation of world leaders. The personal and institutional relationships formed through international engagement contribute towards Australia's broader national strategic interests.

Australia is a major provider of international education and training services. There were 383,818 onshore international enrolments across all education and training sectors in 2006. A total of 51,000 jobs were sustained by the sector in the Australian economy in 2005, and revenue from international education exports was worth \$10.1 billion to the Australian economy in 2005-06. In 2005, Australia was ranked third among English-speaking countries, with a 13.9 per cent share of international higher education enrolments.

Increasingly, Australia's traditional source countries of international students are emerging as competitors in the global education market. Across Europe and Asia, many countries are formalising and strengthening their efforts in international education. In Asia especially, the investment by governments in education services domestically has resulted not only in an improved standard of education in those countries, but the emergence of a competitive international education market in our region. In South Asia and the Middle East, investment in international education is also on the rise.

In this context, the Australian Government's policy approach is to facilitate and strengthen international engagement by Australia's education and training sectors. The Australian Government aims to create the environment for a successful international education sector by extending Australia's international influence through:

- enhancing international relationships
- increasing Australia's international competitiveness.

In April 2006, Australia initiated the **Brisbane Communiqué**, aimed at better positioning the education systems and approaches of the broader Asia-Pacific with international developments, thus ensuring transparency and mutual trust between countries' education systems across the globe. The Brisbane Communiqué was issued by ministers and senior officials from 27 countries across the region, agreeing to collaborate on the recognition and quality of education and training.

Through the *Australian Scholarships* initiative, the Australian Government will provide \$1.4 billion for 19,000 awards over five years. The initiative brings together the awards administered by AusAID (Australian Development Scholarships and Australian Leadership Awards) and the Endeavour Programme administered by DEST. The initiative provided 2699 awards in 2007, which included 445 Australians.

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The *Endeavour Programme* brings leading researchers, executives and students to Australia to undertake short or long term study, research and professional development in a broad range of disciplines and enables Australians to do the same abroad. The Programme aims to attract the best and brightest scholars to Australia, thus strengthening our research capacity and building linkages with the future leaders in government, industry and academia.

Administered activities

The department administers several programmes to support the Australian Government's international education policies, including:

- *International Awards and Scholarships programme* – builds enduring regional links and fosters closer educational ties and relationships between participating countries and Australia, and showcases the excellence of Australia's education, science and training systems (the programme consists of: International Awards and Exchanges; Endeavour Programme Scholarships; Endeavour Awards for Malaysia; Endeavour Awards for Turkey; Australian Scholarships)
- *International Postgraduate Research Scholarship Scheme* – helps develop and maintain international research collaboration by attracting international postgraduate students to study for a higher degree by research in Australia, and thereby to support Australia's research effort
- *International Education and Training Support programme* – includes:
 - The Professional Services Development Programme, which supports the international recognition of Australian professional qualifications and skills, and initiatives in Australia for the recognition of professional qualifications and skills gained overseas
 - The Regional Links Programme, which develops relationships in the Asia-Pacific region for the benefit of Australian education and training
 - Projects to increase and develop Australia's education and training profile in Europe
- *Assessment Subsidy for Overseas Trained Professionals (ASDOT)* programme – supports eligible overseas-trained professionals to obtain recognition of their professional qualifications for the purposes of registration and/or employment in Australia.

Departmental outputs

A significant proportion of international education activity is funded through departmental expenses.

The *Educational Services for Overseas Students Act 2000* (ESOS) – which is administered by the department – promotes a quality international education experience for Australian and international students by increasing opportunities for Australian students to study abroad as part of their education and by providing consumer protection mechanisms.

The department will continue initiatives to enhance global labour market recognition through improved qualifications recognition and activities such as the negotiation of

Free Trade Agreements to ensure that Australia's bilateral, regional and multilateral international government relations meet our global and domestic objectives.

The department contributes to a sustainable and competitive Australian international education and training export sector by leading policy development on emerging issues and undertaking strategic research and promotional activities. The administration of the ESOS Act and its National Code, and promoting the quality of Australian education and training delivered in other countries also play an important role in the sector's sustainability.

The department will continue to support strategic activities offshore through the DEST International Network, to promote the international recognition of Australia as a world leader in the provision of education and training.

Performance information for Outcome 6

Performance information for administered items, individual outputs and output groups relating to the Department of Education, Science and Training are summarised in Table 3.6.2.

Effectiveness Indicators for outcome 6

Programmes and initiatives delivered by DEST which contribute to Outcome 6 form part of a wider set of factors that affect that Outcome. The indicators in table 3.2.6A provide an indication of the overall trends under Outcome 6.

Table 3.6.2A: Effectiveness Indicators for outcome 6

International Education

- Trends in the level of national income derived from international education and training
- Trends in the level of employment associated with education exports
- Trends in the number of international student enrolments in Australia
- Diversification within the international education and training market, in terms of countries of origin and fields of study

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Table 3.6.2B: Performance in delivery of Administered Outputs

Performance Indicator	2006-07 Estimate	2006-07 Est Actual	2007-08 Estimate
Higher Education Funding <i>International Postgraduate Research Scholarship Scheme</i>			
Number of higher education providers supported	41	41	41
International Education and Training			
Number of funding recipients supported by the Professional Services Development Programme	10	10	12
Number of projects and/or activities funded by Regional Links	12	15	20
Number of projects and/or activities funded by the "Increased profile of Australian International Education Sector" programme	13	13	10
Number of international scholarships, fellowships and exchange opportunities supported (Endeavour Programme)	2,058	1,557	1,792
Assessment Subsidy for Overseas Trained Professionals			
Number of eligible clients supported	500	500	500

Table 3.6.2C: Performance in delivery of Departmental Outputs

Performance Indicator	2007-08 Estimate
Programme Management	
<i>Quantity</i>	
Number of registrants for Australian Education International (AEI) Industry Seminars	700
Number of market opportunities issued through AEI market alerts	320
<i>Quality</i>	
Payments are made in accordance with approved timelines	All programmes to meet relevant administrative targets set by quality assurance processes in DEST
Payments made are based on calculations which are accurate and in accordance with approved guidelines	All programmes to meet relevant administrative targets set by quality assurance processes in DEST
Timeliness of Parliamentary reports (including interim responses where appropriate) provided to Parliament and its Committees	At least 90%
High quality Ministerial replies as measured by the level of satisfaction of Ministers and the Parliamentary Secretary with the quality and timeliness of the replies	Qualitative evaluation of satisfaction using feedback from the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary. Analysis of trends over time to monitor percentage delivered within agreed timeframes.
Number of subscribers to the AEI Market Information Package	300 institutions
Timely provision of advice on education related issues for the development and implementation of Free Trade Agreements	At least 95% meet deadlines
Number of subscribers to the AEI newsletter	11,900
Number of visits to the AEI Study in Australia website	2,800,000
Timely and relevant information provided by AEI websites and publications	95% of materials on AEI Online and Study In Australia Website up-to-date Country Education Profiles Online updated as planned
<i>Client Satisfaction</i>	
Satisfaction with bilateral, regional, multilateral and industry relationships which augment Australia's international engagement in education and training	80% client satisfaction rating
Satisfaction with AEI Industry Seminars	80% satisfaction rating by participants
Satisfaction with AEI information in publications and websites	80% client satisfaction with AEI information

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Table 3.6.2C: Performance in delivery of Departmental Outputs (cont)

Performance Indicator	2007-08 Estimate
Policy Services	
<i>Quality</i>	
High quality policy advice as measured by the level of satisfaction of Ministers and the Parliamentary Secretary with the quality and timeliness of policy advice	Qualitative evaluation of satisfaction and timeliness using feedback from the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary