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Portfolio: Education

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Subject: International education underspending

QUESTION:

Of the under spend in the international education output, how much was the under spend and how much was then directed to schools in grants?

ANSWER:

Underspend

The international education output was underspent by \$576 710 in the 2019-20 financial year.

Unexpected COVID-19 travel restrictions commencing 2020 and continuing in 2021 delayed a number of system-wide capacity-building international education projects. Marketing and promotion activities, scholarships, study tours, and the development of a new international student management data base were not able to be progressed. These delays significantly contributed to the 2019-20 financial year underspend and continue to affect the 2020-21 financial year.

Grants

\$344 607 in grants were directed to schools in the 2019-20 financial year.

\$316 628 in grants were directed to schools as at 31 March 2021 in the 2020-21 financial year. Further grants will be paid before the end of the 2020-21 financial year.