

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Workforce Training:

Charles Darwin University

Charles Darwin University (CDU) has endeavoured to answer the questions provided. However, there is ambiguity in that the questions appear to relate to the Colleges at CDU. Given that the Colleges are responsible for Higher Education (HE) delivery, CDU has interpreted the intent of the questions, as they relate to HE. The CDU responses provided below reflect this interpretation and therefore, Vocational Education and Training (VET) numbers have been excluded.

- 1. What are the Ongoing FTE, Fixed Term Contract and Casual position numbers for Charles Darwin University in each of the Sydney; Palmerston; Casuarina; Waterfront and Alice Springs campuses for the period January 2018 and January 2019.**

The table below provides employment numbers for Higher Education academic staff at each of the CDU campuses specified above:

Campus Location	Employment Status	Jan 2018 FTE Total	Jan 2019 FTE Total
Alice Springs	Casual	15.0018	19.0018
	Continuing	7.8000	5.8000
	Fixed-term	6.6000	5.0000
Alice Springs Total*		29.4018	29.8018
Casuarina Campus	Casual	84.0323	106.0319
	Continuing	193.5304	196.0204
	Fixed-term	88.1970	76.9171
Casuarina Campus Total		365.7597	378.1494
CDU Waterfront Darwin	Casual	9.5164	17.5164
	Continuing	10.0000	11.0000
	Fixed-term	4.0000	3.0000
CDU Waterfront Darwin Total		23.5164	31.5164
New South Wales	Casual	14.5174	17.0173
	Continuing	10.0101	14.0101
	Fixed-term	1.5001	2.5001
New South Wales Total		26.0276	33.5275
Palmerston	Casual	1.0000	5.0000
Palmerston Total*		1.0000	5.0000
Grand Total		445.7055	477.9951

** Note that Palmerston is a VET delivery campus and the Alice Springs campus is predominantly VET delivery. Therefore the numbers provided do not reflect the total staffing numbers at these campuses as the responses that CDU has provide to these questions are focussed on HE (as explained above).*

2. Have any courses been discontinued from January 2018 to January 2019. If so, for what reason?

A total of 21 Higher Education courses were discontinued in the period as part of the annual review and re-accreditation process. Of these, 8 were at Bachelor level, 5 at Graduate Certificate/Diploma level and 5 Higher Degree by Research.

Most of the discontinued courses were replaced by new or re-accredited courses and were a technical discontinuation only. For example:

- The existing Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Social Work were discontinued because the University is currently reaccrediting new versions of each course.
- The Bachelor of Social Work Honours and Graduate Certificate in International Business were discontinued due to consistently low student numbers.
- For the Graduate Diploma of Child and Family Health, Graduate Diploma Clinical Nursing, Master of Clinical Nursing and Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner), the College of Nursing and Midwifery are developing new courses in 2019. Current students will continue to be taught in the existing courses.
- The five higher degrees by research were expired due to the College restructure and enrolments transferred to Master by Research (IAS) – MRSIAS and Doctor of Philosophy (IAS) DPHIAS.

3. What were the student enrolment numbers in both domestic and International categories for the period 1 February 2018 and 1 February 2019?

- Student enrolments and equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL) is reported cumulatively throughout a calendar year (1 Jan – 31 Dec).
- Enrolment behaviour of students is driven by the start of academic teaching periods. The first academic teaching period for 2019 is Semester 1 and this commences on Monday, 4 March 2019. In 2018 The Semester 1 start date was a week earlier on Monday, 26 February 2019.
- The report of Higher Education student enrolments and EFTSL (below) compares the 2019 cumulative year-to-date status for 2019 as at the reporting date 3 weeks prior to the start of semester 1, compared to the equivalent reporting date also 3 weeks prior to the commencement of semester 1.

		2018 Actual at 1st Feb 2018 (-3 wks from S1 Start)	2019 Actual at 7th Feb 2019 (-3 wks from S1 Start)	% Var on 2019	# Var on 2019
Domestic	Enrolments	3882	4411	14%	529
Continuing	EFTSL	1458.4	1632.8	12%	174.4
Domestic	Enrolments	1341	1577	18%	236
Commencing	EFTSL	605.8	695.8	15%	90.0
International	Enrolments	411	471	15%	60
Continuing	EFTSL	180.6	214.6	19%	34.0
International	Enrolments	16	18	13%	2
Commencing	EFTSL	8.8	9.8	11%	1.0
Total	Enrolments	5650	6477.00	15%	827
	EFTSL	2253.51	2552.89	13%	299.39

- It should be noted that many international students, particularly those starting their study in the new year, enrol in orientation week and therefore new international student enrolments are very low at present and not likely to be indicative of the actual enrolments once the semester commences.
- As an indication of international student progress, current acceptances from international students who have been offered a place to start a course at CDU in the NT in 2019 are up 24% on the same time in 2018. Similar acceptances for CDU's Sydney campus are slightly down on the same time last year.

4. Where were these enrolments from in terms of locations of student for each CDU campus?

The table below shows the delivery location of the cumulative Higher Education student EFTSL enrolled at CDU (by units) as at 7 February 2019, compared to the equivalent week 3 weeks before the semester 1 start in 2018.

	Academic Year	
	2018	2019
ONLINE	67%	66%
CASUARINA CAMPUS	28%	30%
CDU WATERFRONT DARWIN	3%	3%
CDU SYDNEY	0%	0%
OTHER LOCATIONS	1%	1%
Grand Total	100%	100%

The table below the distribution of CDU's Higher Education students based on their home location, using figures from 7 February 2019 compared to compared to the equivalent week 3 weeks before the semester 1 start in 2018.

	Academic Year	
	2018	2019
NT Home Location	38%	39%
Interstate Home Location	52%	51%
International Home Location	9%	10%
Grand Total	100%	100%

5. What were the student enrolment numbers for each CDU College for 1 February 2018 and 1 February 2019 in both domestic and international student categories?

The table below the distribution of CDU's Higher Education students based on the College which their course is aligned to. It has been compiled using student load figures from 7 February 2019 compared to the equivalent week in 2018.

		Academic Year	
		2018	2019
NURSING AND MIDWIFERY	Domestic	795.75	811.00
	International	43.13	39.75
	Total	838.88	850.75
EDUCATION	Domestic	421.50	527.13
	International	13.75	19.13
	Total	435.25	546.25
BUSINESS AND LAW	Domestic	251.88	254.63
	International	60.13	65.50
	Total	312.00	320.13
HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCE	Domestic	241.88	298.25
	International	10.63	12.13
	Total	252.50	310.38
ENGINEERING, IT AND ENVIRONMENT	Domestic	142.13	161.25
	International	34.13	39.75
	Total	176.25	201.00
INDIGENOUS FUTURES, ARTS AND SOCIETY	Domestic	106.13	114.25
	International	10.63	11.63
	Total	116.75	125.88
MENZIES	Domestic	23.00	29.00
	International	0.50	0.50
	Total	23.50	29.50
CDU CENTRAL	Domestic	81.88	133.00
	International	16.50	36.00
	Total	98.38	169.00
Grand Total		2,253.50	2,552.88