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BASE FUNDING REVIEW

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R. G. Collingwood,
1889~1943

The Idea of History



Base Funding Review update

- Announced October 2010
- Report published December 2011
- Consultations held February and March 2012
- 121 stakeholders at 14 meetings



Key findings from the report

- Australian universities good overall, but some areas of concern
- Recommended overall increase in base funding
- Underfunded disciplines



Underfunded disciplines

- Review rec: some underfunded disciplines when research costs included and need for costing study
- Humanities a concern as funding used to cross-subsidise

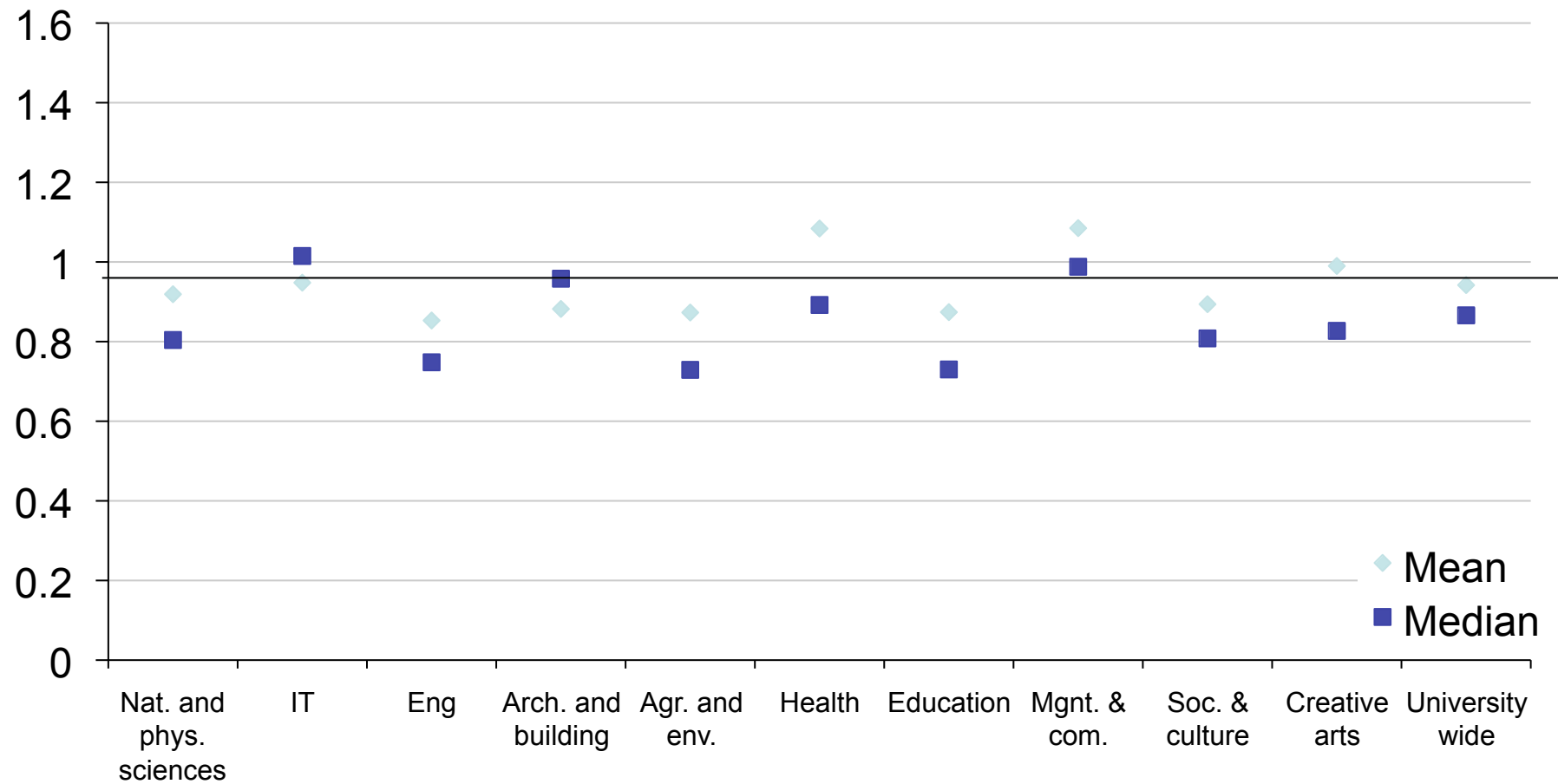


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Ratio of teaching costs to funding



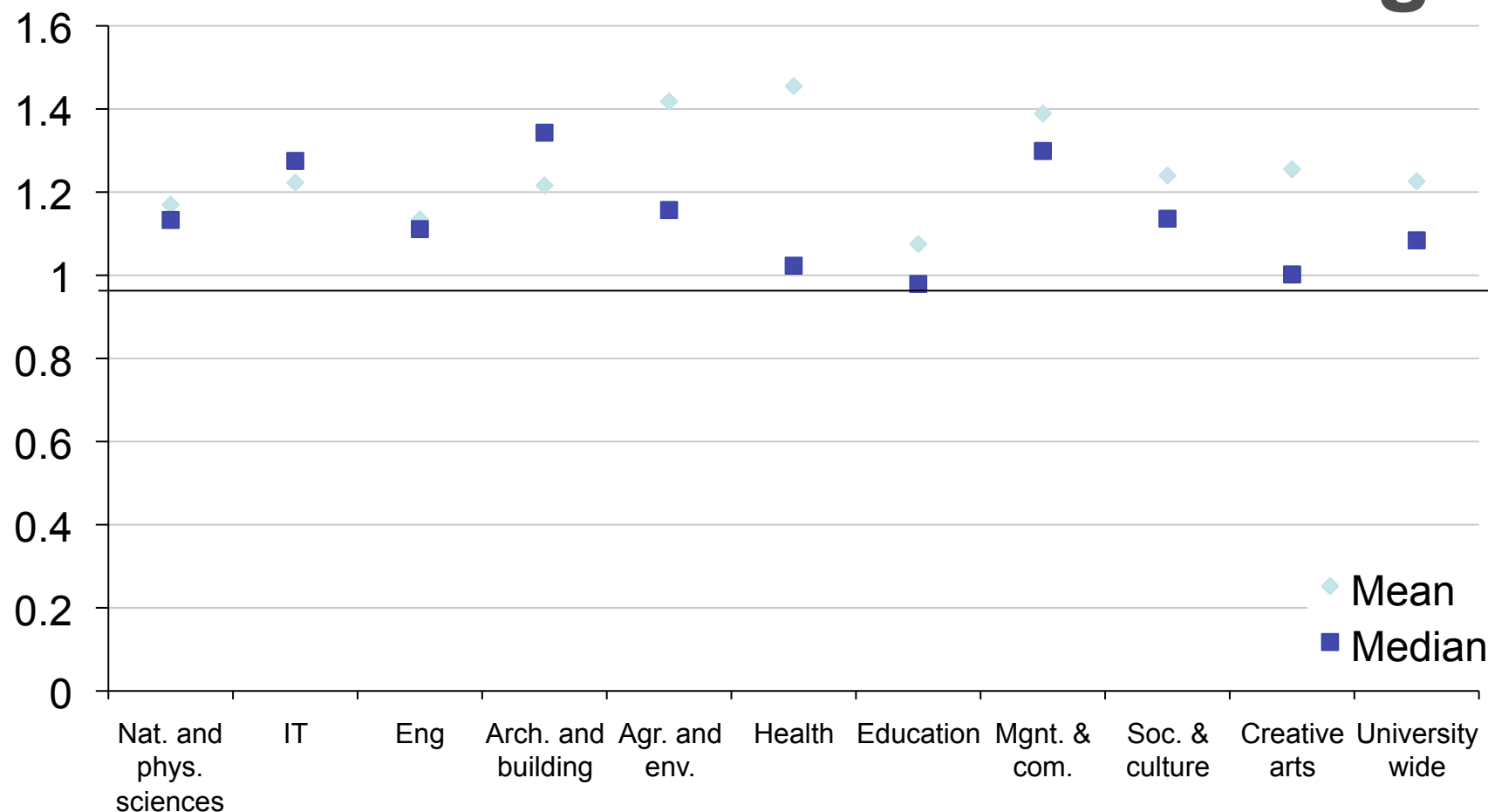


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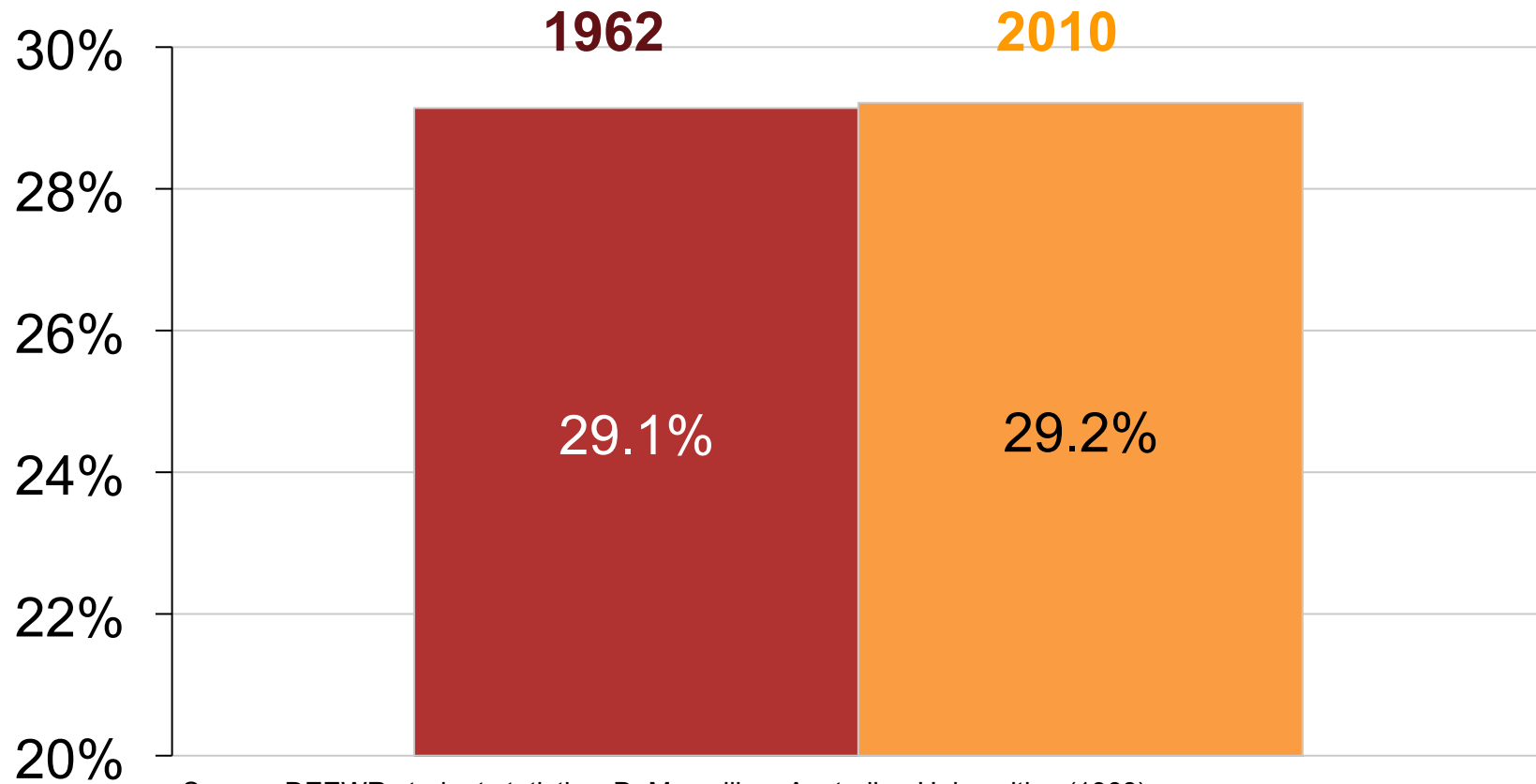
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Ratio of teaching, scholarship and research costs to funding





Arts and creative arts enrolment share



Source: DEEWR student statistics, D. Macmillan, Australian Universities (1968)

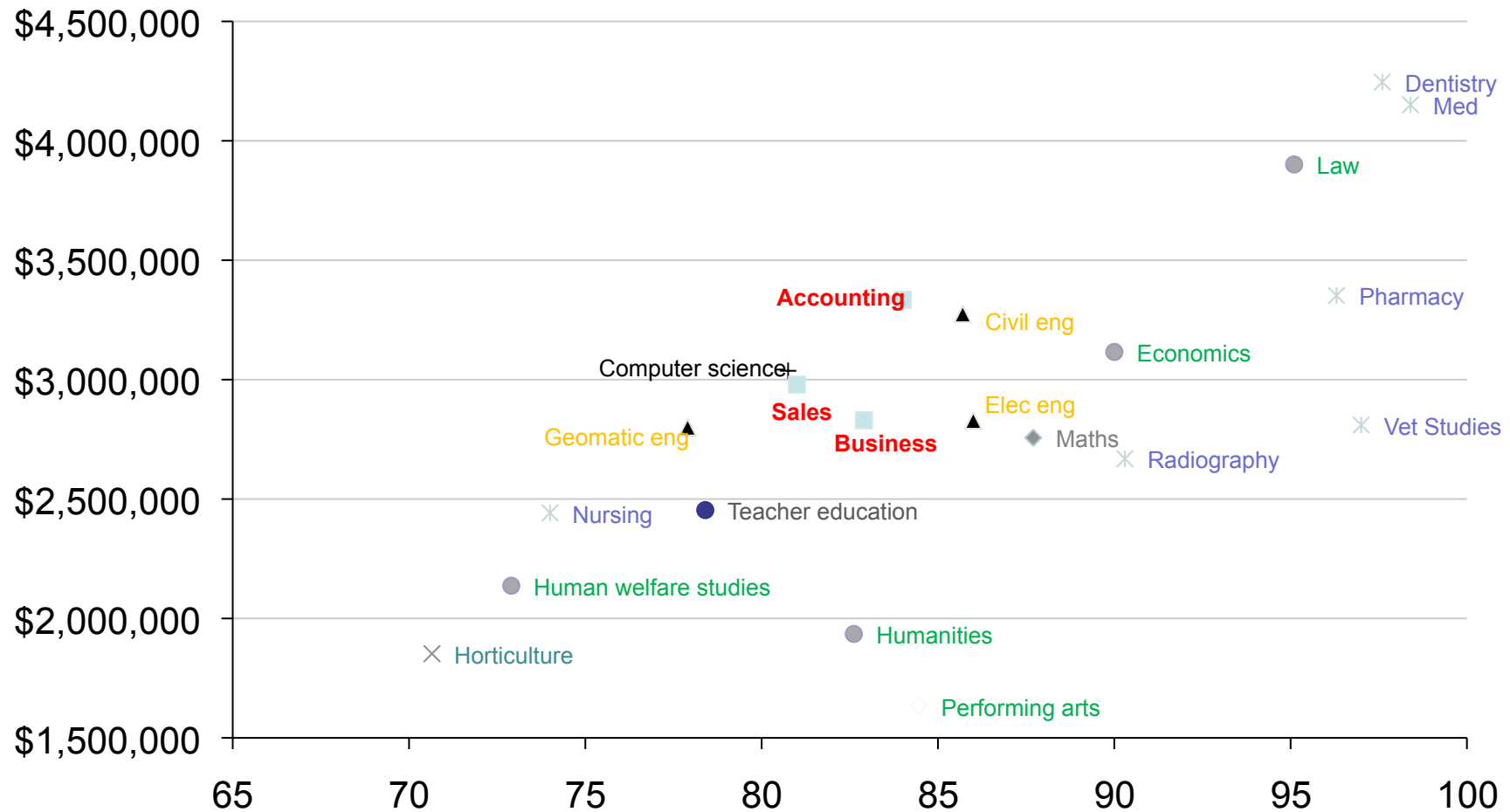


Student load (EFTSL) 2001 and 2011

All Higher Education Providers	All Student Load					Commencing load	
	2001		2011		% change from 2001	2011	% of total
	EFTSL	% of total	EFTSL	% of total		EFTSL	% of total
Broad Discipline Group							
Natural and Physical Sciences	71283	12.1%	105,058	11.9%	47.4%	48,550	13.9%
Information Technology	52002	8.8%	38,941	4.4%	-25.1%	16,578	4.8%
Engineering and Related Technologies	35253	6.0%	56,815	6.5%	61.2%	16,589	4.8%
Architecture and Building	11385	1.9%	19,300	2.2%	69.5%	7,115	2.0%
Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies	8634	1.5%	11,204	1.3%	29.8%	4,219	1.2%
Health	53852	9.2%	110,520	12.6%	105.2%	36,913	10.6%
Education	47738	8.1%	67,416	7.7%	41.2%	27,684	7.9%
Management and Commerce	104782	17.8%	178,372	20.3%	70.2%	69,217	19.8%
Society and Culture	159203	27.1%	221,274	25.1%	39.0%	89,414	25.6%
Creative Arts	43549	7.4%	68,521	7.8%	57.3%	30,523	8.8%
Food, Hospitality and Personal Services	170	0.0%	807	0.1%	374.7%	461	0.1%
Mixed Field Programs	353	0.1%	1,755	0.2%	397.2%	1,509	0.4%
Total EFTSL	588202	100.0%	879,981	100.0%	49.6%	348,771	100.0%



disciplines vs median lifetime gross income (men)

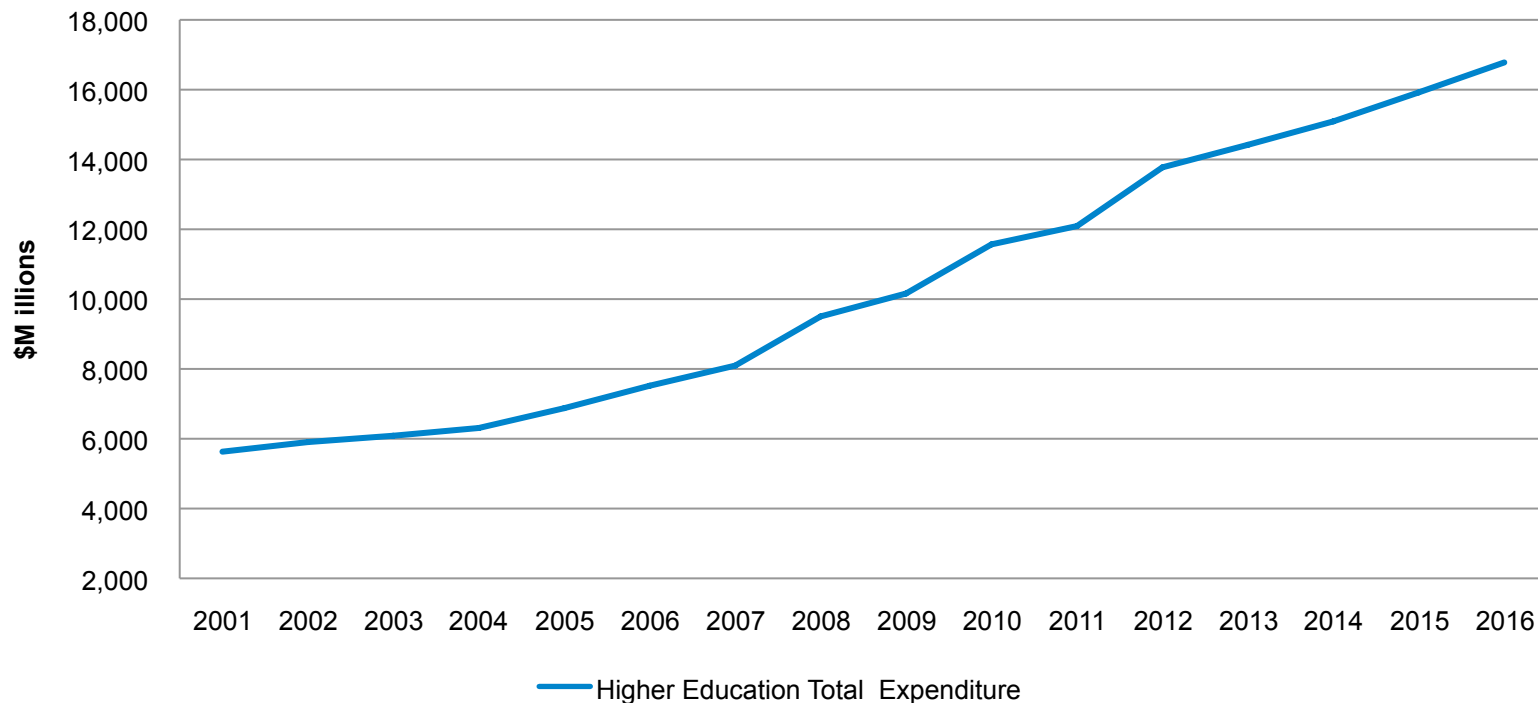




Context for response

- University funding up by 50% in five years

Higher Education Expenditure

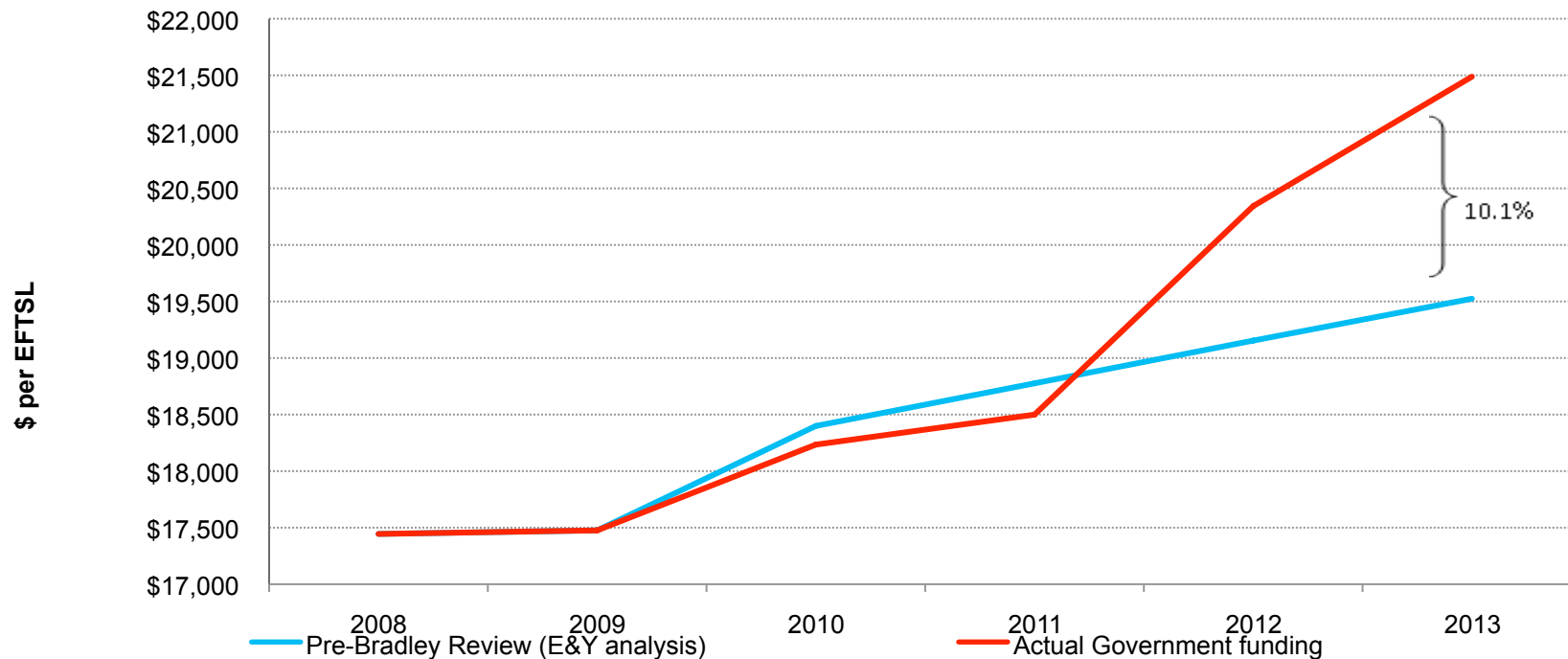




Context for response cont.

- Funding per place will be 10.1% in 2013 as a result of reforms
- Improved indexation provides large portion of increase

Higher Education Funding per student place





Context for response cont.

- Government has already increased funding for universities overall and per place
- The response will need to reflect continuing challenges in the fiscal environment



- *Tertiary Education Minister Chris Evans has revealed that a formal government response to the base funding review will be released within the next two months but he's hosed down any expectations of a funding windfall:*
 - “Unfortunately many in the sector see the base funding review as code for the Bradley [review] recommendation about a 10% increase in funding. That is not going to happen.”

