



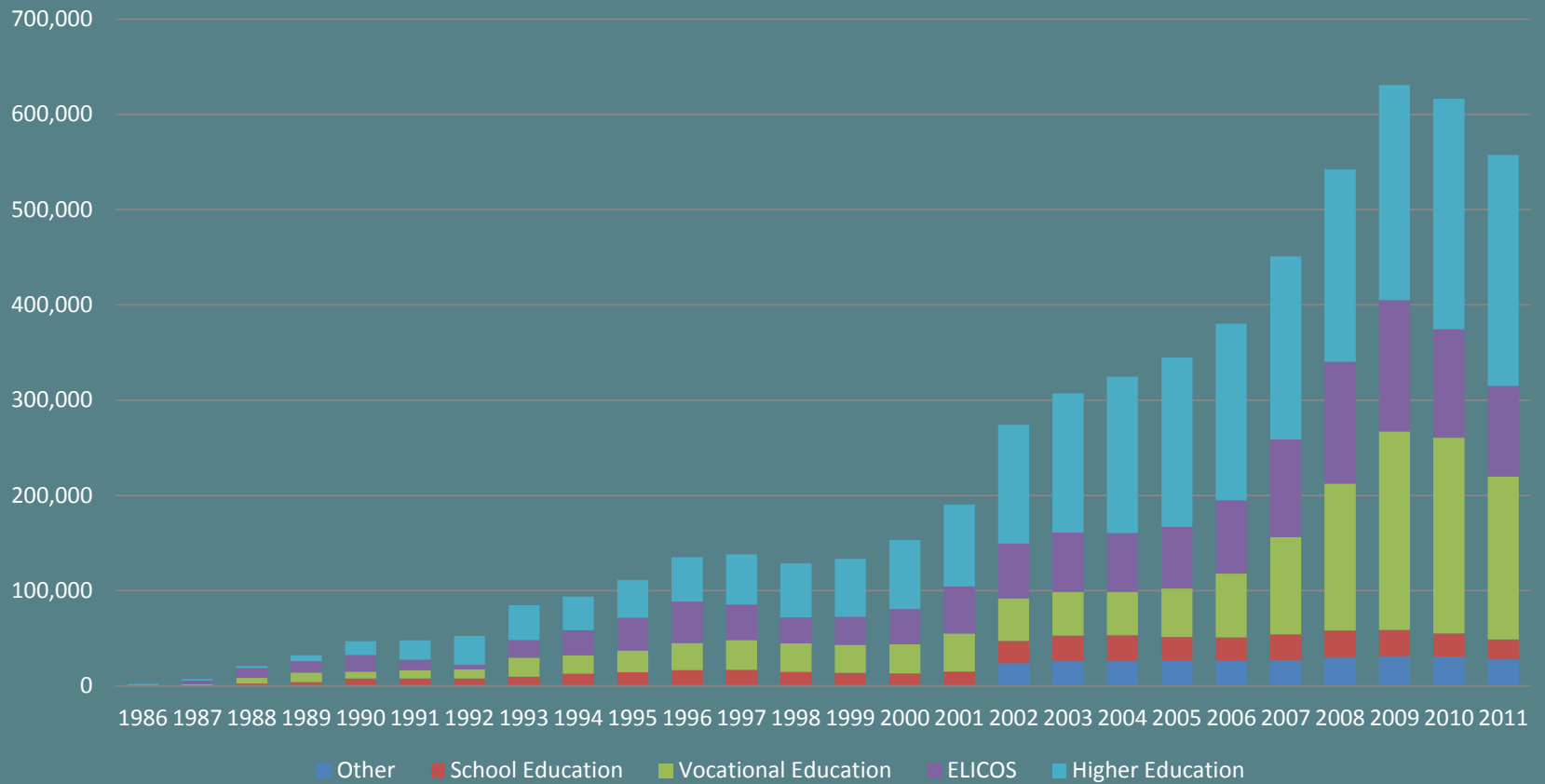
Australian Government

Tuition Protection Service

Baird Review

- Focus of the Review
- Consultation
- Key recommendations

International student enrolments by sector: 1986 to 2011



Government response to the Review

Phase one – enacted April 2011

- Registration
- Risk Management
- Ombudsman

Phase two - enacted March 2012

- Tuition Protection Service (TPS)
- Provider default obligations
- Record keeping
- Limits on prepaid fees and designated accounts
- National registration

Overview of the TPS

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Tuition Protection Service

- Transition Arrangements:
 - TAS Membership requirements
 - ESOS Assurance Fund

Tuition Protection Service

- What is the TPS levy?

3 parts:

1. Administrative component

- Admin fee of \$100 plus \$2 per enrolment for the previous year, and
- Base fee of \$200 plus \$5 per enrolment for the previous year

2. Risk based component

- Based on a formula set out in the *ESOS (TPS Levies) Act 2012* and criteria to be determined by the TPS Director [link to Act available from www.aei.gov.au]

3. Special levy

Tuition Protection Service

How will risk be determined?

- TPS Director
- Advisory Board

No risk component for publicly funded providers

Tuition Protection Service

What do I have to do now if there is a default?

- Default notifications
 - 3 business days for provider defaults
 - 5 business days for student defaults
- Default outcomes
 - Within 7 days of end of the default obligation period

Partial refunds

How will the unspent portion of prepaid fees be calculated?

- Legislative instrument

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Student records

- Student contact details
 - Address, mobile and email
 - At least every 6 months
 - Under 18 student contacts
- Academic progress
 - Update for completed and assessed units

Limits on pre-paid tuition fees

- Before a student commences
 - Can *collect* up to 50% of total course tuition fees *at any time* (100% of fees for short courses 24 weeks or less)
- After a student commences
 - Cannot *require* any remaining tuition fees until 2 weeks before the second study period

What are tuition fees?

Anything directly related to the provision of the course

Designated accounts

- Prepaid tuition fees of non-commenced students
- Not required if administered by a state education authority or eligible for recurrent

Who do the limits apply to?

- Any international students enrolled and commencing after 1 July
- Students who have paid initial fees but not commenced are subject to the 2 week limit on remaining fees

National CRICOS registration

- National registration
- Transition arrangements
- National regulators

Other proposed changes

- Knight Review
 - Updating contact details on PRISMS
 - Listing education agents on PRISMS
- Changes to the National Code
 - Student transfers (Baird review)
 - Student safety plans (ISSA)

Summary - what providers need to do?

- Until 1 July:
 - Maintain current TAS or exemption arrangements
- In preparation for 1 July:
 - Establish a designated account
 - Adapt written agreements
 - Review any letters of offer
 - Establish systems and processes for reporting and record keeping

For more information

- www.aei.gov.au
 - Links to legislation
 - news
 - Frequently asked questions
 - ESOS Enquiry Form
- updates on PRISMS