

October 28 2009

Scholarships: Overseas Students

Mr. Willetts: To ask the Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills what the (a) membership and (b) terms of reference are for the departmental working group that is being established on scholarships for international students. [229009]

Caroline Flint: I have been asked to reply.

The proposed members who have confirmed an interest so far are the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills, the Department for International Development, UK Trade and Investment, the Scottish Executive, Universities UK, the Russell Group, the Higher Education Funding Council for England, the Commonwealth Scholarships Commission and the British Council.

The draft terms of reference have not yet been finalised.

November 3 2009

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Mr. Willetts: To ask the Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills how much has been spent on each publicly funded international student scholarship programme for which he is responsible in each of the last five years; and how much is to be spent on each programme in 2008-09. [229008]

Mr. Lammy: The Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills funds scholarships for PhD students from the developing world through the Dorothy Hodgkin Awards. DIUS (previously DTI Office of Science and Technology) has directly contributed £525,000 since 2005, including £131,250 in 2008/09. This contributes towards the total of £23.565 million that Research Councils have funded through the Dorothy Hodgkins scheme from 2004-08. DIUS has also contributed £400,000 per year towards the FCO's Chevening Scholarships for the past five years, including this year. DIUS has earmarked, but not yet spent:

£800,000 for Commonwealth Scholarships for the academic years 2009/10 and 2010/11

£13.4 million over the current spending period for Newton Fellowships.