Press Release (16 January 2004)

University Offers for 2004

University offers have been despatched to applicants from WA's four public universities. Applicants can phone TISCLIne, 1901 191 091, (82.5c per minute) from anywhere in Australia to hear details of their offer or view their offer information on the web at www.tisc.edu.au.

Total applications have increased by 5% with applications from those with qualifications other than TEE in 2003 increasing by 10%.

A summary of the numbers of applicants and offers is attached.

The Executive Officer of the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre, Mr Steve Hoath said that 68% of applicants had received an offer and of these 67% had been made a first preference offer. However he also said that this did not mean that students who had been given a lower preference should be unhappy, as everyone who has been offered is getting a course that they want. This is the way that the preference system is designed to work.

As usual, any applicant offered their second or lower preference in the first round has the opportunities of saving that offer in the hope of a higher preference offer in the second round, and/or rearranging their preferences or recording new preferences for the second round.

TISC is still taking new applications for university places in 2004 for HECS places at Edith Cowan University (except external courses), Murdoch University (except Law, Veterinary Science and Chiropractic Science) and country campuses of Curtin University of Technology, from people who haven't already applied. Murdoch is also offering full fee paying places in all courses except Veterinary Science.

New applications close on 23 January.

Existing applicants have until Friday 23 January at 11.00 pm to change their preferences on TISCLine or the web.

Unsuccessful applicants are all notified by TISC at the same time as the universities send out the offers. Those who are qualified for a place but are unsuccessful in the first round will automatically be reconsidered in the second round of offers.

Summary of University Offers After First Round

Applications	**2004**	**2003**
TEE students	10,299	10,400
Non TEE	12,096	10,949
TOTAL APPLIED	22,395	21,349
Offers	**2004**	**2003**
TEE students	7,035	7,066
Non TEE	8,101	7,854
TOTAL OFFERS	15,136 *	14,920
Percentage of applicants receiving an offer	**68%**	**70%**

* Includes 83 students who deferred a Curtin University of Technology place last year. In 2003 these students were not processed by TISC.