

Amendment to General Business Notice of Motion No. 750

As listed on page 17 of today's Notice Paper in the name of Senator Hanson-Young

To move—That the Senate—

- (a) notes that, on 21 March 2018, the National Union of Students will launch a National Day of Action to protest against the Liberal Party's attempts to water down Australia's commitment to providing universal access to a world-class higher education system by cutting \$2.2 billion out of university funding and making graduates' HELP debts be paid back at a greater rate and a faster pace;
- (b) notes further that the Liberal Party:
 - (i) thinks university is too affordable for students, which is why they want to deregulate fees,
 - (ii) thinks HELP debt grows too slowly, which is why ~~they want to raise the rate of indexation~~ **they tried to raise its rate of indexation,**
 - (iii) thinks graduate wages are too low to pay back debts, which is why they want to lower the threshold for when they start repaying them,
 - (iv) thinks too many people are attending universities, which is why they are freezing their support for the demand-driven system, and
 - (v) is too afraid to seek a mandate for these cuts, which is why they have opted to not put their billion dollar cuts to a vote from the Parliament or a vote from the public; and
- (c) expresses its strong support for the National Union of Students and to those participating in the National Day of Action around the country, and encourages all students to speak up and fight back against this Liberal Government's decision to ask low income students and graduates to pay more, so that big business and multinational corporations can pay less.