

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000549

Senator Paterson, James provided in writing

VET FEE-HELP loans scheme

Question

Michael Lavarch (ASQA) restated his view at Education Estimates on 1 March that Labor's VET FEE-HELP loans scheme was the worst piece of public policy design he had seen. Would you agree with that?

Answer

The Department of Education and Training has acknowledged the Australian National Audit Office's (ANAO) report into the 'Administration of the VET FEE-HELP Scheme', which identified flaws in the policy design of VET FEE-HELP. The ANAO's report was released on 20 December 2016 and the department is implementing all of the report's learnings.