

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000869**

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah provided in writing.

***Deregulation***

**Question**

What data will the Higher Education panel be given about deregulation?

Does the Department accept that the majority of universities have come out against deregulation?

What concerns have universities raised with the Department in relation to the potential deregulation of university fees?

**Answer**

The Department of Education and Training is providing the Expert Advisory Panel with data and analysis to support its role in assisting the Australian Government with the development of a revised higher education reform package. The Panel's work focusses on options outlined in the Driving Innovation, Fairness and Excellence in Australian Higher Education policy options paper. The 2016–17 Budget ruled out full fee deregulation.