

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001130**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

***Loan caps for business and management courses***

**Question**

Why have business and management courses been set at a cap of \$5,000 when few other courses are set at higher levels?

**Answer**

Please refer to the response provided to SQ16-001126 for the methodology regarding the VET Student Loan caps.

The analysis shows in both cases the average tuition fee by Field of Education (FoE) is \$10,000. It also shows the lowest cost is around \$3000 and the highest cost is around \$16,000. This formed the basis for setting the three loans caps of \$5000, \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The average 2015 Smart and Skilled qualification price for the FOE of Management and Commerce is \$7024. This was scaled down when assigning the VET Student Loan cap given the substantial known instances of inflated charging for business and management courses in the VET FEE-HELP scheme.