

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001133

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

Courses exempt from caps

Question

How many courses do you expect will apply to be exempt from the caps? How will the Department assess whether an exemption should be granted?

Answer

The Minister for Education and Training may exempt eligible courses from the three VET Student Loans caps. The Australian Government released the VET Student Loans draft course list on 10 October 2016 for public consultation. Following this consultation, a separate loan cap of \$75,000 was assigned to courses in the aviation training package and the Diploma and Advance Diploma of Nursing were moved to the \$15,000 cap. The final approved course list was released on 17 November 2016 which identifies all courses eligible for VET Student Loans and their loan cap. The Government will undertake a comprehensive review of the approved course list and the course loan caps, including potential exemptions, in 2017. The review will include consultation with students, employers and industry stakeholders, states and territories and training providers