

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0090\_14**

**Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.**

**Question  
Workforce**

What is the uptake of Recognition of Prior Learning initiatives, HECS/HELP Benefit? What analysis has been undertaken on the use by early childhood educators of the Department of Education's RPL initiative and other RPL initiatives across Government?

**Answer**

As at the 9 December 2013, 61 RPL applications have been paid.

In 2011-12, \$210 000 was approved in HECS-HELP benefit, equating to 162 early childhood teachers. In 2012-13, \$487 000 was approved equating to approximately 375 early childhood teachers.

No formal analysis on the RPL initiative has been undertaken.