

Senator Bridget McKenzie
Chair Senate Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

22 October 2014

Dear Senator McKenzie

RE: Senate Committee Hearing - Questions on notice

I am writing in response to the questions taken on notice during TDA's appearance at the Senate Committee hearings into the Higher Education and Research Reform Amendment Bill on Wednesday 8 October, 2014. During the hearing, members of the Committee requested:

1. The number of students studying higher education in TAFE supported by Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) funding; and
2. The cost of a Bachelor of Nursing at Holmesglen for Sharon Hill; one of the participants in the case studies we provided in our submission to the Senate Committee.

Number of CSP funded students at TAFE in 2014	<p><u>Holmesglen:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 448 EFSL (Effective Full Time Student Load) of which:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 120 for the Bachelor of Nursing and• 328 for the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education. <p><u>Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 120 EFSL for the Early Childhood Education.
1. Cost a Bachelor of Nursing at Holmesglen.	<p>After completing a Bridging Program, Sharon Hill entered the Bachelor of Nursing at Holmesglen in mid year 2010 as a full fee paying student. She received CSP funding in the second semester of her study and continued with CSP until completing the Bachelor in mid 2012. Details of the fees she paid are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharon commenced the Bachelor with full recognition of a Certificate IV in Nursing obtained at Chisholm and was therefore was exempt from the first year and associated fees;• She paid \$6,000 (0.5 EFTSL at full fee place deferred through FEE HELP) in the first semester, second half of 2010;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$4,897 in 2011 (1.0 EFTSL transferred to a CSP and deferred fees through HECS); and• \$2,822 in 2012 (0.5 EFTSL deferred through HECS) for her final semester. <p>Total tuition fees charged - \$13,719 (plus loan fee for the 0.5 EFTSL at full fee place) of.</p>
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Thank you again for the invitation to appear before the Committee. Please let me know if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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