

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000147

Senator Carr, Kim provided the question in writing.

Previous Question No ED0696_15

Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme

Question

"You say (ED696_15) that providers can start developing their planned scholarship schemes prior to the release of the draft and the final guidelines, guided by the provisions set out in the Bill currently before the Parliament.

(a) Do the provisions set out in the bill provide sufficient detail for providers to develop their schemes?

(b) Practically, speaking, how much development can providers undertake, in the absence of even draft guidelines?"

Answer

The provisions set out in the Bill and accompanying explanatory memorandum describe who is required to implement the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme (the scheme), what purpose the funds can be used for, and how additional revenue will be calculated. These details allow providers to understand the minimum requirements of the scheme.