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. SQ15-000155

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Also refer to previous Question No. ED0390_15

Regulating the number of places in medical courses

Question

"In QON ED 0390_15, the department says that the Working Group headed by Prof Dewar recommended that the Government deregulate fees for medical students. My question, referred to, was actually about regulating the number of places in medical courses. Has the Government received any advice on this matter? What does it plan to do?"

Answer

The Kemp-Norton Review of the Demand Driven Funding System supported the continuation of Government control of medical places.

Under the Government's higher education reforms, the number of Commonwealth supported medical places will continue to be allocated by the Government and existing full-fee paying medical places will not become Commonwealth supported.