

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. SQ15-000190

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CSP funding

Question

"In the Explanatory Memorandum to the current Bill, the Government says that the ten-year impact of the changes included in the Bill will be \$5.84 billion in savings to the Budget. Can you unpack that figure for us? How much of the \$5.8 billion is represented by the planned 20% cut to the CGS?

What will be the cost of the extension of CSP funding to NUHEPS over ten years?

What will be the cost of extending CSP funding to sub-bachelor courses?

What will be the cost to the Budget of the new provision "pausing" HELP repayments for five years for the main care-giver to a new baby?

Answer

The expected financial impacts of the Government's higher education reforms for the periods 2014-15 to 2017-18 and 2014-15 to 2023-24 are outlined in the table below.

Measure	2014-15 to 2017-18	2014-15 to 2023-24
Impact of higher education package*	Saving of \$642.4 million	Saving in the order of \$11 billion
20 per cent reduction in Commonwealth subsidies	Saving of \$1.9 billion	Saving of \$11.5 billion
Extension of the demand driven funding system to non-university higher education institutions for bachelor courses	Cost of \$448.9 million	Cost of \$1.9 billion
Extension of the demand driven funding system to sub-bachelor courses	Cost of \$371.5 million	Cost of \$2.4 billion
Pausing HELP debt indexation for primary carers of children aged under five years	Cost of \$172.2 million	Cost of \$813.6 million

**The revised figure is a result of parameter updates and the refinement of assumptions since the Explanatory Memorandum was published.*