

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000087

Senator Cameron, Doug asked on 01 March 2017, Proof Hansard page 131

Courses excluded in VET FEE-HELP

Question

Senator CAMERON: Could you provide me with the details of the full course list?

Mr Hart: The full course list is publicly available but, yes, we can provide the full list of courses that are available.

Senator CAMERON: And specifically the additions that were made.

Mr Hart: We can. Those additions are made under schedule 3, so they are quite clearly identifiable.

Senator CAMERON: That would be good if you could send me that; it will save me going looking.

Mr Hart: Absolutely.

Senator CAMERON: I am sure you will find it a lot more easily than I would. What courses have still been excluded? How many arts courses have been excluded?

Mr Hart: I would have to take the exact number on notice. As you will remember, there was a process around determining the eligibility for VET student loans and it was about being on two states lists—science, technology, engineering and mathematics—and then there was the listed process. The list of courses is significantly less than what attracted subsidy under the VET FEE-HELP program. We can provide you with the differences on those.

Answer

The list of approved courses, as at 29 March 2017, is at **Attachment A**.

Of the 825 current courses eligible for VET FEE-HELP in 2016, 355 are approved under VET Student Loans. Of the 70 current arts courses eligible for VET FEE-HELP in 2016, 20 are eligible for VET Student Loans, including those courses approved for specific providers.