

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000156**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

***Trade Support Loan (drop outs)***

**Question**

How many apprentices that received a trade support loan have subsequently dropped out of their apprenticeship? Please report on figures for each year since the commencement of the scheme.

What is the average debt held by the participants that have dropped out of their apprenticeship?

**Answer**

Table 1: Number of people who had a trade support loan debt before the end of the financial year and were not in training on 30 June and have not subsequently re-entered training.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>People</b>
2014–15	1,517
2015–16	3,500
2016–17	3,535
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,552</b>

*Data source: Departmental records*

*Data as at 15 March 2017*

See SQ17-000094 for the average loan to participants that have dropped out of their apprenticeship.