

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000321

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

Student Mobility

Question

What is the total maximum benefit an individual student can receive from the New Colombo Plan?

What is the total maximum benefit an individual student can receive from New Colombo Plan in conjunction with other mobility programs administered by the Commonwealth?

Can the Department confirm that overseas missions and embassies have hosted parties for New Colombo Plan students?

Answer

The total maximum dollar amount a New Colombo Plan scholar can receive is \$75,000 (GST exclusive) in the 2017 round. The total maximum dollar amount students can receive under a New Colombo Plan Mobility Project is \$8000 (GST exclusive) for a student completing a semester of study and an internship.

In addition to the maximum amounts that a New Colombo Plan scholar or mobility grant recipient can receive, in 2017, the maximum students can borrow under OS-HELP for a six-month study period is:

- \$6567 (if the student will not be studying in Asia)
- \$7880 if the student will be studying in Asia
- an additional \$1050 if the student will be undertaking Asian language study in preparation for study in Asia.

Embassies and High Commissions do not host parties for New Colombo Plan students. However, they do sometimes host events that contribute to students' in-country learning and networking and promote the program.