

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000337**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

***VET FEE-HELP - revocation of providers***

**Question**

In 2014, 2015 and 2016, did the relevant Minister ever revoke the approval of a provider for breaching requirements of the VET FEE-HELP loans scheme? How about in 2016? (Not voluntary revocations or automatic revocations - how many were thrown out for breaching requirements.) Has the Department ever recommended to the Minister that a provider's approval be revoked?

**Answer**

- There were no revocations for breaching requirements of Schedule 1A to the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (HESA) in 2014 or 2015.
- There were seven revocations for breaching requirements of HESA in 2016. In addition, there have been four revocations for breaching requirements of HESA thus far in 2017.
- Decisions to revoke a provider's approval as a VET provider are made by senior departmental officers acting as delegate of the Minister for Educating and Training on advice from compliance officers. Accordingly, the department does not make recommendations to the Minister to revoke VET providers.