Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

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Higher Education Reform – further consultation

Question

There were nearly \$2 billion (\$1.867 billion) of savings listed in the 2016-17 Budget papers under 'Higher Education Reform – further consultation'. What form will these savings take?

Answer

The 'Higher Education Reform – further consultation' measure implements the Australian Government's commitments to not proceed with full fee deregulation and to defer the implementation date for proposed higher education reform measures while the Government continues to consult stakeholders on the form of a package of higher education reforms to support the Government's vision of a stronger, more innovative and responsive system of higher education that preserves equity of access and the financial sustainability of the system.