

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. SQ17-000389

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HECS debts

Question

How much do you predict the government would gain from dropping the rate at which people have to start paying back their HECS debts from more than \$54,000 a year to \$45,000 a year? How would recovering HECS debts from deceased estates work? How much do you expect you would get from the dead?

Answer

There is a range of ways in which reforms could be made to ensure the Higher Education Loan Program remains sustainable into the future.

Consultations on a package of higher education reforms are continuing.