

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Deregulation of higher education - US trends

Has the Department examined trends in the United States following deregulation of state-based public higher education systems? Can you confirm that research indicates that, following fee deregulation in many states, there have been no improvements in participation? Can you explain the Department's thinking, in the light of the US experience?

Answer

The department has not examined trends in the state-based US higher education system as a model for likely development. The two systems are very different.