

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0027\_15**

**Senator Carr provided in writing.**

**Question**

**1999 Kemp proposal**

The leaked Cabinet Submission by then Minister David Kemp propose in 1999: • “A universal tuition subsidy which follows the student to accredited higher education courses offered by quality-assured public and private providers”. • “Student fees for tuition set by providers” • Institutions would be “obliged to reserve a fixed proportion of premium fee income for equity purposes”, including scholarships. • “A universal loans scheme... with a real rate of interest and repayable through the tax system on an income-contingent basis.” • “A total Commonwealth funding envelope which... achieves a fair-sharing of the costs, reflecting both public and private benefits from higher education.” • “Revised quality assurance arrangements which facilitate the entry of new players...” How does that outline compare with the essential points of the current Government’s Budget package?

**Answer**

The measures comprising the Government’s higher education reforms are listed in Budget Paper No. 2: Budget measures 2014-15, Part 2: Expense Measures, Education. This is available at: [www.budget.gov.au/2014-15/content/bp2/html/bp2\\_expense-09.htm](http://www.budget.gov.au/2014-15/content/bp2/html/bp2_expense-09.htm)