

**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. ED0034\_15**

**Senator Carr provided in writing.**

**Question**

***Tuition Protection Service - TPS***

How many payments have been made by the TPS in 2012/13, and 2013/14 (to the extent possible to calculate this figure)? Has the board recommended adjustments to the TPS Levy for 2014? Have these recommendations been accepted? In regards to the TPS, what is the risk rated premium component for 2014? In regards to the TPS, is there a special tuition protection component levied in 2014?

**Answer**

In 2012-13, 218 payments were made to students and 64 payments were made to providers (for placing students) from the Overseas Student Tuition Fund (OSTF). As at 31 May 2014, 77 payments have been made to students and 5 payments to providers from the OSTF during 2013-14.

The TPS Advisory Board provided its advice on the TPS Levy to the TPS Director, as required under the *Education Services for Overseas Students Act*. The board's advice for the 2014 TPS levy was accepted, except for the activation of the special tuition protection component.

The specified percentage rate for the risk rated premium component of the 2014 TPS Levy is 0.155%.

No.