

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

Department of Education Question No. ED0247_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

HECS-HELP Benefit program

Why did the Government scrap the HECS-HELP Benefit program?

Answer

The take-up of the HECS-HELP benefit has been low, indicating it has not been an effective employment incentive for a range of occupations including early childhood teachers.