

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000309**

Senator Sinodinos, Arthur asked on 03 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 59

***Increased student contributions for maths and science (2012-2013 budget)***

**Question**

Senator SINODINOS: In 2011-12 in MYEFO, the then government reinstated the band 2 student contributions for maths, science and science units for new students.

Mr Griew: That is correct.

Senator SINODINOS: What was the saving, in broad terms?

Mr Griew: We will give you the precise figure on notice. It was several hundred million dollars over the four- year window. I think it may have been in the order of \$400 million, but I will give you that exact figure on notice.

**Answer**

It was estimated the measure would provide savings of around \$403.6 million over 2011–12 to 2014–15.