

**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. SQ15-000321**

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 03 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 74

***HECS liability for STEM related degrees***

**Question**

Senator KIM CARR: Mr Griew, we were halfway through some questions. You were telling me about graduation rates that you used as the basis for your calculation. I do not think I got an answer.

Mr Griew: I think the answer that I provided was that we were not making assumptions about graduation rates. We answered a question about the cost of exempting 100,000 students from HECS liability for their STEM related degrees.

Senator KIM CARR: That is not what the opposition leader's policy said. Can you just explain to me. The minister asked you for costings, did he?

Mr Griew: We provided advice on what I have just explained. Senator KIM CARR: And what time was that advice sought? Mr Griew: I think I have taken that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: The question you took on notice was what time was it provided. That is not the same as the question sought.

Mr Griew: I would have to take both on notice. There are a number of people I would have to speak to to do that.

**Answer**

A costing was sought on the night of 14 May 2015.