

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

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SA-HELP

Question

1. What is the value of loans currently outstanding under SA-HELP?
2. What is the value of loans that have been provided under SA-HELP since its establishment?
3. How many loans are currently outstanding under SA-HELP?
4. How many loans have been provided under SA-HELP since its establishment?
5. What is the value of loans currently outstanding under SA-HELP that is expected not to be repaid or to be written off?
6. What is the value of loans provided under SA-HELP since its establishment that has not been repaid or been written off?

Answer

- 1, 3, 5 and 6. The debts incurred from each of the HELP schemes (HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP, OS-HELP, SA-HELP and VET FEE-HELP) contribute to a person's accumulated HELP debt and cannot be disaggregated by type of scheme. It is therefore not possible to separately identify the value of SA-HELP debts currently outstanding.
2. Based on student data reported by higher education providers to the Department of Education and Training as at 19 June 2015, a total of \$238 million has been provided under SA-HELP since 1 January 2012.
4. Based on student data reported by higher education providers to the Department of Education and Training as at 19 June 2015, around 1.164 million loans have been provided under SA-HELP since 1 January 2012.