

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. SQ15-000402

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

Forward estimates for the Commonwealth Grants Scheme

Question

The Government's forward estimates for the Commonwealth Grants Scheme assume that its deregulation package passes the Senate - including the 20% cut to grants among other measures.

What would the base case look like? How would the figures for the forward estimates read if these changes are rejected by the Senate?

Answer

Commonwealth Grant Scheme amounts over the forward estimates are set out at page 42 of the 2015-16 Portfolio Budget Statements. If the changes are rejected by the Senate, the estimates will be updated at that time, as per standard practice.