

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. SQ15-000469

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Student fees - Refer to QON SQ15-000194

Question

In regards to QON SQ15-000194:

What will be the likely impact of the new requirement on the proposed requirement that tuition fees not be more than that of the equivalent fee for international students? The requirement is that these fees must be equal to or greater than the fees charged to domestic students plus the Commonwealth contribution that would apply to that course for domestic students.

Answer

The proposed legislation provides that a non-Commonwealth supported student should not be charged less than the sum of the highest tuition fee and the Commonwealth Grant Scheme contribution amount for a Commonwealth supported student undertaking comparable study.

The proposed legislation is intended to strengthen existing protections for domestic Commonwealth supported students and to assist in providing downward pressure on tuition fees.