

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000513

Senator Kim Carr provided in writing.

Also refer to previous Question No. SQ15-000160

VET FEE-HELP

Question

How many RTOs have provided courses for which VET FEE-HELP loans have had to be waived? Can the Department provide the names of these RTOs?

Answer

Waivers are administered by the Department of Finance. The Department of Finance has advised that no VET FEE-HELP debts were waived between 1 January 2008 and 22 June 2015.

Subject to the passage of legislation, the Government will introduce from 1 January 2016 streamlined debt remission and revocation processes for students under VET FEE-HELP. Where these have been accrued through poor recruitment, management and marketing practices in breach of new VET FEE-HELP guidelines, training providers will reimburse taxpayers for these debts, with penalties.