

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000766

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 06 May 2016, Proof Hansard page 110.

HEPPP Savings

Question

Senator KIM CARR: The international educational strategy.

Ms Borthwick: The budget had not yet come out, Senator.

Senator KIM CARR: I see. There are savings of \$208 million from the program overall. Have I got that correct?

Ms Borthwick: No, Senator: \$152 million.

Senator KIM CARR: The \$208 million would be the total savings over the life of the government? That would be correct, wouldn't it?

Ms Borthwick: I am not familiar with the figure. I would have to take it on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: In previous budgets there have been reductions as well, haven't there?

Ms Borthwick: I will have to take that on notice. I don't know.

Answer

Since the Higher Education Participation and Partnerships Program (HEPPP) commenced in 2010 there has been \$954.55 million in payments (as at 13 September 2016) and \$247.25 million in savings directly from the program. There is \$553.2 million available in the HEPPP from 2016-17 to 2019-20.