

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Higher education reform package

Question

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I just have a question about the first version of the higher education reform package glossy. It is not actually the one I have on me. I am pretty sure the first version of it I saw indicated the financial impacts listed as the last item in it but the relevant page was left out. Was there a problem with the production of this document?

Mr English: There was never a public version that included the financial implications.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: There was never a public version. Was there a draft version that had that?

Mr English: I will need to take that on notice.

Answer

The Department of Education and Training developed a number of internal draft documents throughout the formative stages of the higher education reform package glossy. Internal drafts were developed prior to finalisation of the timing of the announcement of the reforms, meaning versions with varying content were developed for different contingencies, such as release prior to or on Budget night.