

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000950

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

Higher education changes - sub-bachelor places (Nursing and Childhood Education)

Question

Would universities be free to offer Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas in nursing and early childhood education?

Answer

As self-accrediting institutions, universities are free to offer diplomas and advanced diplomas in qualifications that they meet the standards to apply. However, only those sub-bachelor courses that are approved by the Minister for Education and Training will be eligible for Commonwealth supported places.

The eligibility criteria for a particular course will be set out in the Commonwealth Grant Scheme (CGS) guidelines following consultation with the sector. The criteria will ensure that approved sub-bachelor courses must fully articulate into related bachelor degrees, and have been developed with a focus on industry needs.