

## Senate Committee: Education and Employment

### QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

#### Outcome: Skills and Training

#### Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000983

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

#### *Providers and student loans*

##### Question

Broken down by year:

- For each of the last five years, what is the value of VET FEE-HELP and VET Student Loans given to each approved provider?
  - For each of the last five years, how many students were enrolled at each provider and how many of those students had VET FEE-HELP or VET Student Loans?
  - For each of the last five years, what has been the completion rate for each provider?
- (NOTE - if the information cannot be provided for every provider, please provide it for as many as possible, in descending order from the provider which has received the greatest value of VET loans)

##### Answer

Information on student numbers, loans, and completion rates for VET FEE-HELP and VET Student Loans is published in the annual VET FEE-HELP statistical report and the VET-Student Loans six-monthly report required under section 103A of the *VET Student Loans Act 2016*.

The annual VET FEE-HELP statistical report is available at <https://www.education.gov.au/vet-fee-help-statistics>, with the most recent being for 2016.

The VET Student Loans six-monthly report is available at <https://docs.education.gov.au/documents/vet-student-loans-six-monthly-report-1-january-2017-30-june-2017>, with the most recent being for the period 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017.

In relation to completion rates, it should be noted that the department collects data on and reports three-year cohort completion rates for individual providers. The three-year cohort completion rate is the proportion of students who commenced a course in a cohort year who successfully completed a course (not necessarily the one they started) within a three-year period. Accordingly, no course completion rates are yet available for students who commenced in 2015.

A summary of VET FEE-HELP data is at **Attachments A–E**. VET Student Loans did not begin until 1 January 2017.