

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Reform & Support

Department of Education Question No. ED0390_15

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Fee deregulation of medical places

Has the Department done any work or provided any advice on proposals for fee deregulation of medical places? If advice has been offered, what was the date that advice was offered?

Answer

The Legislation and Financing Working Group, chaired by Professor John Dewar, provided advice to Government on the financing of medical places. The Working Group recommended the Government deregulate fees for medical places in line with the overall reforms to higher education. This advice was provided to the Minister for Education in a letter from the chair dated 22 July 2014 and was subsequently accepted by the Government.