

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Reform & Support

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Senator Rhiannon provided in writing.

Question

VET FEE-HELP - debt

What proportion of VET FEE HELP is expected to not be repaid?

What is the total current VET FEE HELP debt?

What is the projected debt over the forward estimates?

Answer

The Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) consists of HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP, OS-HELP, SA-HELP and VET FEE-HELP schemes. The debts incurred from each of these schemes contribute to a person's accumulated HELP debt. The Australian Taxation Office does not keep information on each of these schemes separately.