

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

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Proposed University Fee Deregulation

Question

What modelling has been undertaken in relation to proposed university fee deregulation?
What did it show?

Answer

In the 2014–15 Budget, the Department of Education and Training estimated the effect of deregulated student contributions on the forward estimates of expenditure for the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). The modelling showed the fiscal impact of the measure, which was published in the 2014–15 Budget papers. The modelling was not intended to be a prediction of any specific level of student contribution for a course or a particular institution in the deregulated market.

As announced in the 2016–17 Budget, the Australian Government will not pursue full deregulation of university fees.