

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000876

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

Higher Education cuts

Question

What is the impact of the cut of 20% to the Commonwealth Grants Scheme (CGS) in terms of:

- (a) The level of Commonwealth contributes, across the average, to the cost of an undergraduate degree?
- (b) The amount that students would pay as a proportion to their degree?
 - Broken down by Discipline areas (in line with funding clusters outlined in the Higher Education Support Act (2003)?
 - Average amount across all disciplines?

Answer

The Australian Government is consulting on and researching approaches to the setting of maximum course fees, the sharing of costs between students and taxpayer as well as the efficient cost of delivery within institutions. It is not possible to estimate the proportion of course costs contributed by students or taxpayers under any potential future arrangements until this process is finalised.