

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000893

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Unpaid debts due to the private VET sector rorting

Question

What is the expected loss to government in the form of unpaid debts due to the private VET sector rorting?

Answer

The department uses the Australian Government Actuary's (AGA) analysis for calculations of debt not expected to be repaid. As published in the 2016-17 Portfolio Budget Statements, the estimated proportion of new debt not expected to be repaid, aggregated across the HELP program, is 18 per cent. VET FEE-HELP is not disaggregated. It is not possible to disaggregate outstanding VET student debt from the total outstanding HELP debt.