Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000902

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah provided in writing

Australian Council statistics

Question

Were statistics released by the Australian Council in 2015, demonstrating that the cultural sector contributed $50 billion to Australia's GDP in 2012–13, considered when preparing the list of courses to be cut?

Answer

The methodology for determining the VET Student Loans eligible course list included courses listed on at least two state and territory skills lists and science, technology, engineering and mathematics related courses. Of the 478 courses that will no longer be supported, 119 are in management and commerce, 149 are society and culture courses and 89 are health-related. In comparison, 57 arts related courses did not make the approved course list. The Government will continue to support loans to 347 VET courses, including 13 arts related courses.