

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001088

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

VET FEE-HELP debts

Question

How many outstanding VET FEE-HELP loans are there?

What is the average debt held by students with a VET FEE-HELP debt?

How many (and what proportion) have commenced repayment of their VET FEE-HELP debt?

Answer

The debt repayment aspect of the HELP program is managed by the Australian Tax Office (ATO). All student loans are aggregated and not able to be separated into the individual programs. The Department of Education and Training does not have visibility of this information.