

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001132

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

Subsidised VET FEE HELP

Question

Has the government examined the operation of subsidised VET FEE HELP at all? What role, if any, will subsidised VET FEE HELP have going forward?

Answer

The review of the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform, undertaken in late 2015 in accordance with section 54 of the National Partnership Agreement, examined VET FEE-HELP for subsidised students.

Subsidised VET FEE-HELP students who are continuing students in 2017 will continue to access VET FEE-HELP through grandfathered arrangements. From 1 January 2017 it is proposed VET Student Loans will be available for students at approved providers that are in receipt of state government subsidies, similar to the arrangements for VET FEE-HELP.