

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Nash asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 100.

Question

VET FEE-HELP

Senator NASH: And if we were to look at the number of people who have benefited, say, in the last financial year, would that roughly equate to that 30,000 figure that you gave me?

Mr McAuslan: I think it would be more than that. Senator NASH: Do you mind just taking that on notice?

Answer

During the 2009-10 financial year, 50,121 students were eligible to participate in the VET FEE-HELP Assistance Scheme of which 20,302 students were assisted with a loan under the Scheme to pursue Diploma level or above VET qualifications.

In the 2010-11 financial year to-date (to 16 June 2011), 57,188 students were eligible to participate in the Scheme, of which 29,518 students were provided with VET FEE-HELP assistance.