

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Outcome: Higher Education, Research and International

Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. IQ20-000174

Senator Katy Gallagher provided in writing.

Job-ready Graduates Package

Question

1. Is the Job-Ready Graduates Package Budget neutral?
2. Please outline the budget impact of the Job-Ready Graduates Package over the 10 year spread; and the allocation of additional places over the period, by each year.

Answer

The Job-ready Graduates package announced on 19 June 2020 is cost neutral over the forward estimates on an underlying cash basis.

IQ20-000120 provides the breakdown of places over the 2021-2030 period for the Job-ready Graduates Package.

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Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. IQ20-000175

Senator Mehreen Faruqi provided in writing.

HELP debt

Question

1. How many people have an HELP debt with an outstanding balance greater than \$220,000?
2. How many people have an HELP debt with an outstanding balance greater than \$600,000?
3. Please provide the number of people with HELP debts with outstanding balances greater than \$200,000, broken down into the number in each \$10,000 band above \$200,000.

Answer

1. 50
2. 1
3. Debts \$200,000 and greater by debt range @ 30 June 2020:

Debt Range	Client Count
200000-210000	58
210000-220000	31
220000-230000	24
230000-240000	7
240000-250000	6
250000-260000	5
260000-270000	0
270000-280000	1
280000-290000	1
290000-300000	1
300000-310000	0
310000-320000	0
320000-330000	1
330000-340000	0
340000-350000	1
350000-360000	1
360000-460000	0
460000-470000	1
470000-670000	0
670000-680000	1
Grand Total	139