

Senate Standing Committees on Education and Employment

***Inquiry into the Universities Accord (Student Support and Other Measures)
Bill 2024 [Provisions]***

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Date of hearing: 24 September 2024

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Question No. IQ24-000046

Senator Sarah Henderson provided in writing.

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Question

This legislation covers higher education; when will the legislation be introduced for the VET students?

- a. How will the payments to VET students be administered?
- b. When will the payments to VET students commence, will this also be 1 July 2025?
- c. Why has the legislation for Commonwealth Prac Payments to VET students not yet been introduced?

Answer

- a. The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations will administer the Commonwealth Prac Payment to VET students through a purpose-built IT system.
- b. Students will be eligible from 1 July 2025.
- c. Additional legislation for the Commonwealth Prac Payment is not required. Authority for the Commonwealth Prac Payment for VET is provided by the Social Security (Specified Programs) Instrument (No 3) 2024 (SSSP) registered on the Federal Register of Legislation in September 2024. Item 52 of the SSSP provides legislative authority for spending in respect of the Commonwealth Prac Payment for VET only.