

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Topic: Employment

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Senator Lines asked:

Is the Government aware that, as one State example, the proposal in New South Wales could see 40 per cent of students facing fee rises of more than \$500 and fees of up to \$4000 for basic certificates? (Sun Herald, page 36, 18/5/2014). In contributing to the government's 'earn or learn' policy, did the Department model the potential cost of training to young people? If yes - what were the results of this modelling? If no - why was the decision taken not to assess this impact and who made this decision?

Answer:

The Department did not model the potential cost of training to young people.

This measure followed prescribed Budget processes, which are Cabinet-in-confidence.