

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

Outcome Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000100

Senator Rhiannon, Lee provided in writing.

unpaid HELP debt

Question

Looking specifically at unpaid HELP debt – may I have details on any department analysis into how that's broken up? For example:

- Statistics on the proportion of unpaid HELP debt broken down by gender and degree studied?
- Analysis about the household income of those who have outstanding HECS debt?

Answer

As at 30 June 2013, the proportion of outstanding debt belonging to males and females is 43 per cent and 57 per cent, respectively.

Analysis of outstanding debt by degree studied and household income is unavailable.