

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000548

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 48.

Practicum placements

Question

Senator O'NEILL: Have you heard any instances where students have been asked to pay for their practicum placement?

Ms Evans: Not personally, no. I have not heard that, no.

Senator O'NEILL: I do believe there are some instances where that has been reported. Do universities receive a special payment from the Commonwealth to facilitate practicums? You indicated that is the case.

Mr Cook: That is part of the payment that universities would get.

Senator O'NEILL: And nationally set aside for practicums but not tagged—

Mr Cook: That is my understanding.

Senator O'NEILL: but you are going to take that on notice.

Mr Cook: Yes.

Answer

Under the Commonwealth Grant Scheme (CGS), in 2016 higher education providers receive \$10,196 per Commonwealth supported place (full-time equivalent) in teacher education units of study. The CGS funding amount for teacher education unit includes \$858 to assist higher education providers with the cost associated with the provision of teacher practicum placements.