

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000560**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

***Higher Education Support Amendment – freeze on VET FEE-HELP loans***

**Question**

Can the Department guarantee that no student will miss out on receiving quality training as a result of the freeze on VET FEE-HELP loans?

**Answer**

Access to quality training for students is not solely dependent on the availability of VET FEE-HELP loans. VET FEE-HELP is not, and has never been, the only mechanism available for students to pay tuition fees. VET providers may choose to make their own arrangements and business decisions in meeting unmet demand, including due consideration to course prices and possible alternative payment arrangements, including extended payment arrangements.