

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000377

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah provided in writing

HEPPP

Question

What impact will the \$152 million cut to the HEPPP, made in the 2016-17 Budget, have? Will the HEPPP be insulated or protected from further cuts? Would legislation be required to make further cuts or can the government do that whenever it chooses?

Answer

Please see the answer to SQ16-000881.

The Australian Government has recently concluded an evaluation of the HEPPP. Any changes to the HEPPP in response to the evaluation findings will be considered in the context of higher education reform.

The HEPPP is administered according to guidelines set out in the Other Grants Guidelines (Education) 2012, a legislative instrument under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.