

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0028\_15**

**Senator Carr provided in writing.**

**Question**

***University fee increase***

Has the Government said, or has it not said, that universities will not be permitted to increase their fees for domestic students above the fee they charge international students in the same course?

**Answer**

Currently institutions are required to charge international students a fee that is sufficient to cover the full cost of providing the course including full operating and capital costs. The fee must be no less than the fee for the relevant category of courses in the schedule of minimum indicative course fees in the Higher Education Provider Guidelines except in limited exceptional circumstances.