

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. ED0030_15

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Fee deregulation - modelling

1. In its modelling for projected tuition fee levels in a deregulated system, what annual levels of increase were estimated?
2. Was the Department informed or guided by trends in increases in fees for international students? To what extent?

Answer

1. The Department has estimated the effect of deregulated student contributions on the forward estimates of expenditure for the Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP). This modelling was not intended to be a prediction of any specific level of student contribution for a course in the deregulated market and was undertaken for Cabinet in the Budget context.
2. Refer to Question 1.