

**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. ED0046\_15**

**Senator Carr provided in writing.**

**Question**

**HECS - upfront payments**

Does the Department believe – and did it reflect this in its modelling – that students will be more inclined to pay their fees upfront, and avoid incurring a debt, because they will lack certainty about what further increases the Government might impose on HECS debt in the future?

**Answer**

The Department does not assume that more students would be inclined to pay upfront as a result of the measures.