

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000721

Senator Griff, Stirling provided in writing

Permanent residents eligibility for HECS-HELP, VET FEE HELP and the VET student loan scheme

Question

How many enquiries did the department receive in 2015-16 and the financial year to date from permanent residents regarding their eligibility for HECS-HELP, VET FEE HELP or the VET student loan scheme? (Please breakdown by scheme and nationality)

a. Please advise how many of these people had applied for a place at university or TAFE and then withdrew their application as a result of being ineligible for a student loan/Commonwealth supported place.

Answer

The department does not record the citizenship status of all people that make enquiries to the department – either by telephone, email or other correspondence, nor does the department track the number of people that apply for a place at university and subsequently withdraw their application due to ineligibility.