

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000948**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

***Higher education changes - sub-bachelor places (Inducements)***

**Question**

- Would universities be able to engage in marketing practices that are banned under the VET Student Loans program?
  - Could they offer an inducement like an iPad or a laptop?
  - Are there any instances of this occurring?
  - What is to stop the use of these well-known dodgy practices being used by universities in order to attract income at the expense of TAFE under the demand-driven system?

**Answer**

Universities who are also VET providers are bound by the same restrictions as all other providers in relation to VET level sub-bachelor qualifications under VET Student Loans.

More broadly, all universities must meet the Higher Education Standards which restrict their ability to offer unethical or misleading inducements.