

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000976**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

*Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ17-000026.*

***Australasian College Broadway (Payment Recovery)***

**Question**

In relation to the collapse of the Australian College Broadway

- SQ17-000026 Points out that when Australasian College Broadway collapsed, it owed the department about \$5 million because it overestimated the number of students it had – given it's collapsed, will this money be recovered? If not, how will this loss be accounted for by the Department and where will it appear in future Budgets?

**Answer**

Under the VET FEE-HELP scheme established in 2009 providers were paid in advance based on estimates provided to the Department of Education and Training, with reconciliations occurring the following year.

During 2016, the department commenced making some payments in arrears based on verified enrolments.

From 2017, all providers are paid monthly in arrears based on verified enrolments.

MHM Australasia Pty Ltd, ABN 61066062888 traded as The Australasian College Broadway.

The department has issued an invoice to all providers for which reconciliations to date have uncovered an overpayment, so as to recover advance payments made in excess of reported student liability data.

This includes The Australasian College Broadway and the department will pursue all available avenues to recover the amount invoiced through the appointed administrator.