

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-001008**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

*Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ16-001114*

***VSL - Transition numbers***

**Question**

Before the change to VET Student Loans – when the legislation was drafted and costings were made

– how many VET FEE-HELP students did the Department expect would seek to be grandfathered?

How many did you expect would opt to change to the VET Student Loans scheme?

How many new students did you expect would sign up for the VET Student Loans scheme when it started?

How many students have so far opted to be grandfathered, how many have moved to VET Student Loans and how many new students have taken out loans? If it is different to the numbers predicted, why has this difference occurred?

**Answer**

The VET Student Loans costings assumed 34,000 Equivalent Full-Time Student Load (EFTSL) would continue to access VET FEE-HELP in 2017. See Question on Notice (QoN) SQ16-001114 for further detail about the assumptions behind this estimate.

See QoN SQ17-001009 for the number of students who have opted in to VET FEE-HELP grandfathering.