

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Reform & Support

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Question

Commonwealth Supported Places

In regards to Commonwealth Supported Places currently offered by TAFE institutions for Higher Education degrees, what saving will the government achieve by (a) imposing a 20 per cent cut and (b) being funded at 70 per cent the university rate?

Answer

Two TAFE institutions currently receive funding under the Commonwealth Grant Scheme. Under the proposed reforms the Government will achieve \$3.82 million in savings from these two institutions across the forward estimates. This includes \$1.15 million from the revised funding cluster arrangements and \$2.67 million from applying the non-university funding rate.

These figures reflect the estimated change in funding related to the Commonwealth supported places currently allocated to the TAFE institutions and does not include any additional funding as a result of the expansion of the demand driven funding system.

These figures also take into account an estimate of the proportion of places that will be grandfathered under the Government's reforms.