

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000662**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

***VET FEE-HELP (Statistics Report)***

**Question**

Senator KIM CARR: I want to go to the statistical report for VET FEE-HELP. I understand it was published on 19 October. Is that correct?

Dr Banerjee: That is correct.

Senator KIM CARR: What was the process for publishing the report? Who actually needs to approve its release?

Dr Banerjee: It is a report that, as you may be aware, is part of a series. So it is done on the basis of administrative data. We are assisted in putting that together by the NCVER. Once it is put together and it is checked within the department, it is then a matter for the minister as to when it is released.

Senator KIM CARR: When was the information provided to the minister?

Dr Banerjee: I would have to take that on notice.

**Answer**

By way of correction, National Centre for Vocational Education Research did not provide the department with assistance in preparing the 2014 VET FEE-HELP Statistical Report (the report).

The report was provided to the Minister's Office shortly before its release.