Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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VET FEE-HELP

Question

Senator KIM CARR: Can you provide me with an update for 2015 on the number of VET FEE-HELP providers, the number of students accessing VET FEE-HELP and the annual value of VET FEE-HELP loans, which of course would be the \$1.9 billion, presumably? Dr Banerjee: We will take that on notice.

Answer

There are 276 registered training organisations currently approved to offer VET FEE-HELP under the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* (as at 19 November 2015).

During the half year ending 30 June 2015, 170,170 students accessed VET FEE-HELP to the value of \$1.38 billion. These half year figures do not account for debts subsequently remitted and are subject to revision.