

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000745**

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

***Postponing proposed higher education changes to 2017***

**Question**

In regards to the Minister's announcement postponing proposed higher education changes to 2017:

- (1) What is the status of previous commitments about grandparenting students enrolled prior to budget night in May 2014 from the proposed new student financing arrangements?
- (2) Will any students be grandparented from new arrangements?
- (3) If there is a revised date, what will it be?
- (4) Would any new arrangements now only apply to new students from 2017?
- (5) Will students commencing in 2016 be subject to existing student financing arrangements?

**Answer**

- (1-4) There have been no changes to the grandfathering arrangements announced as part of the 2014–15 Budget.
- (5) Students commencing in 2016 will be subject to existing funding arrangements for 2016.