

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

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Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

QILT data about graduate starting salaries

Question

I refer to QILT data about graduate starting salaries. Federation University, at \$80,000, has topped the list in Engineering and Charles Darwin, also at \$80,000, is top in Law. What does the department think are the factors contributing to these, and other similar results? Is it that graduates from these regional universities are more likely to be mature-aged students, with considerable work experience already?

Answer

Salaries information on the QILT website is based on undergraduate degree level graduates who were working full-time at the time of responding to the Australian Graduate Survey, from 2012 to 2014.

Salaries can be dependent on field of education, age, gender, previous employment experience and regional labour market conditions, as well as course administration.