

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000872

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

RIS - What proportion of loans given is not delivering a quality outcome?

Question

Page 21 of the RIS says “about one-third of the growth in EFTSL with associated loans is not delivering quality educational outcomes”. Can you quantify what proportion of loans given is not delivering a quality outcome?

The RIS goes on to say, “It is now apparent that this is not necessarily the case.” What thought is been given to the issues around the risk management approach of the regulators – ASQA and DET – who seem have a view non-compliance should be dealt with by holding the hand of the selected RTO and giving them a second chance? Is a change of approach envisaged?

Answer

It is estimated that one third of the growth in equivalent full time student load (EFTSL) is associated with loans not delivering quality educational outcomes.

The enhanced compliance regime, a government commitment of \$18.2 million over four years, and better partnerships with the Australian Skills Quality Authority, represents a strong commitment to strengthening compliance and lifting the standards of the scheme.