

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000801

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

VET courses in Jewellery

Question

1. Is the Diploma of Jewellery and Object Design currently an approved VET FEE HELP course?
 - (a) How many providers offer this course?
 - (b) How many students are studying this course?
2. Is the Advanced Diploma of Jewellery and Object Design currently an approved VET FEE HELP course?
 - (a) How many providers offer this course?
 - (b) How many students are studying this course?
 - (3) Will either of these courses be eligible for funding under the VET Student Loans scheme?

Answer

1. Yes.
 - (a) Three providers offer this course: TAFE New South Wales; Melbourne Polytechnic; and TAFE SA.
 - (b) In 2015, 36 VET FEE-HELP students were enrolled in the Diploma of Jewellery and Object Design.
2. Yes.
 - (a) Three providers offer this course: TAFE New South Wales, Melbourne Polytechnic and TAFE SA.
 - (b) In 2015, 65 VET FEE-HELP students were enrolled in the Advanced Diploma of Jewellery and Object Design.
3. Neither of these courses meets the Australian Government's criteria to be included in the proposed list of courses eligible for assistance under the VET Student Loans program from 1 January 2017, as they are not on two or more state and territory skills lists.

As part of the provisional approval process, the Government will consider requests by Listed and Not-for-Profit providers to include additional courses in the Courses and Caps Determination that are not currently on the published eligible course list. In considering these requests, the Government will require evidence from the provider of employment outcomes for that course, employer support for that course, and their track record of student progression and completion through that course.