

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000895

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Tertiary arts courses

Question

The Minister plans to cut the number of tertiary arts courses eligible for student loans from 70 to just 13. What is the reason for this?

Could any of the 57 cut courses prepared people for jobs in the community?

Were any factors except for employability considered when deciding which courses to cut?

Answer

The methodology for determining the VET Student Loans eligible course list included courses listed on at least two state and territory skills lists and territory skills lists and science, technology, engineering and mathematics related courses. Of the 478 courses that will no longer be supported, 119 are in management and commerce, 149 are society and culture courses and 89 are health-related. In comparison, 57 arts related courses did not make the approved course list. The Government will continue to support loans to 347 VET courses, including 13 arts related courses.