

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

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Student Mobility Programs - OS grants

Question

What is the maximum amount a student can access in terms of student mobility grant(s) from the Commonwealth, in terms of: Maximum grants and loans (including OS HELP) from the Commonwealth for one year's study in an Asian destination in the year 2016-17?

- Maximum grants excluding loans for the same period?
- Maximum amount an individual student can benefit from the New Colombo Plan for the same period?

Answer

Mobility grants for one year study in Asia are offered through the Australia-Awards Endeavour Cheung Kong Exchange Program and the Asia Postgraduate Program. The grants are set at \$5000 per student.

The maximum OS-HELP loan amount a student can access in the year 2016–17 is \$17,729.

- Under the Australia-Awards Endeavour Cheung Kong Exchange Program and the Asia Postgraduate Program, a student can receive a \$5000 grant.
- Under the New Colombo Plan mobility program, a student can receive up to \$7000 for a semester grant for study up to 12 months. An additional \$1000 is available for students undertaking an internship.