

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001107

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

course eligibility list

Question

Has the Department investigated the potential incentive for states and territories to reduce or discontinue subsidising courses that have been included on the course eligibility list? Please provide any results or conclusions drawn from any such investigation undertaken.

Answer

The use of at least two state and territory skills lists and inclusion of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) courses allowed for the establishment of an initial VET Student Loans eligible course list. The approved course list will be reviewed twice yearly, each year from 2018.

The legislation will also allow the Minister to amend the VET Student Loans eligible course list at any time. This includes adding or removing eligible courses.