

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001129**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

***VET Student loan limits***

**Question**

Do the new \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$15,000 VET Student loan limits an annual limit amount an individual can loan to enrol in a particular qualification or does the limit apply to the qualification in its entirety regardless of length instruction or how long it takes a student to complete the qualification?

Will the maximum limits be indexed from year to year, and if so, what indexation measure will be applied?

What happens to loan limit if a student takes leave of absence?

**Answer**

The VET Student Loans course caps of \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$15,000 apply to a single course/qualification irrespective of how long a student takes to complete it.

The loan caps will be indexed as set out in Part 5–6 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*.

Where the student continues their enrolment with the provider but takes a period of absence, on recommencement the student will access the balance of the loan amount.