

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** University Student Services and Amenities Fees.

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 15 February 2012, pages 72-73)

**QUESTION No.:** AI-33

**Senator MASON:** Can a schedule of the fees charged by each university in 2012 be provided to the committee? Are there any concession rates?

**Mr Warburton:** Universities have a reasonable amount of discretion in how they charge fees. They can charge different categories of students different amounts of fees. They are required to charge part-time students less.

**Senator MASON:** How much less?

**Senator Chris Evans:** I am sure it was in the legislation.

**Mr Warburton:** It was in the guidelines.

**Senator MASON:** It does not specify any particular amount.

**Mr Warburton:** A part-time student is a student that does less than 75 per cent of a full-time load. A part-time student cannot be charged more than 75 per cent of the maximum that applies to a full-time student.

**Senator MASON:** But they could be charged less?

**Mr Warburton:** Yes. Universities like to do things in their own unique ways. You can find their student services and amenities fee schedules on their websites, but they are all quite different.

**Senator MASON:** I understand that.

**Senator Chris Evans:** I have an interest in our trying to combine the information to get a sense of what has happened across the board with the fees. I think that is your interest; I share it. We will take on notice what we can do to actually get that together.

**Senator MASON:** Also, if it is possible, all 39 would be really good.

**Senator Chris Evans:** Yes, I think the officer is reflecting the fact that this is the sort of information owned by the universities, but I think it is appropriate that we have that in a document so people can look at what has happened.

**ANSWER**

See the attached table for a list of the student services and amenities fees charged by each university.