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TOPIC: Cost of Scholarships and PhDs

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Senator RHIANNON: Are you also looking at, in terms of how much money is made available to students through scholarships, the cost from scholarships to people doing PhDs and the cost of the various PhDs, whether that is influencing the areas of study?

Ms Baly: I will take that one on notice, Senator.

ANSWER

PhD candidates who have an Australian Postgraduate Award scholarship receive an annual stipend of \$24,653 for full time students or \$12,326 for part time students. The scholarship amount is the same regardless of discipline.

The vast majority of domestic PhD candidates are funded through the Research Training Scheme which supports the costs of their training. They do not pay course fees and therefore the cost of PhDs is unlikely to influence the areas of study.