

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

DEEWR Question No.EW0910_11

Senator Mason asked on 24/02/2011, Hansard page 124.

Question

ANALYSIS OF OUTSTANDING HIGHER EDUCATION DEBT TO THE COMMONWEALTH

Mr Warburton—If it will help, the Commonwealth does look at the cost to it of the loan arrangements and the loans are only indexed by CPI. In the actuarial processes for determining the fair value of outstanding debt to the Commonwealth, there is a calculation that compares that to the bond rate, because otherwise that is a reflection of how much it is costing the Commonwealth, and so that estimation goes into the accounting treatment of the value of the total outstanding debt to the Commonwealth. Senator MASON—***Can you provide the committee with some analysis?*** Mr Warburton—I know a bit about this but I do not do the analysis myself. I will take that on notice. Ms Paul—We will take it on notice.

Answer

Please refer to answer provided for EW0917_11.