

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

DEEWR Question No.EW0538_11

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

HECS MODELLING

a) Has the Department done any modelling on the benefits of introducing a HECS rebate for new graduates for every 12 months of work completed in rural/remote private or public dental positions similar to the arrangement for doctors? b) If so, does it indicate any benefits?

Answer

The Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has not done any modeling on the benefits of introducing a student contribution (formerly HECS) rebate for new dental graduates who provide dental services in rural and remote areas of Australia.