

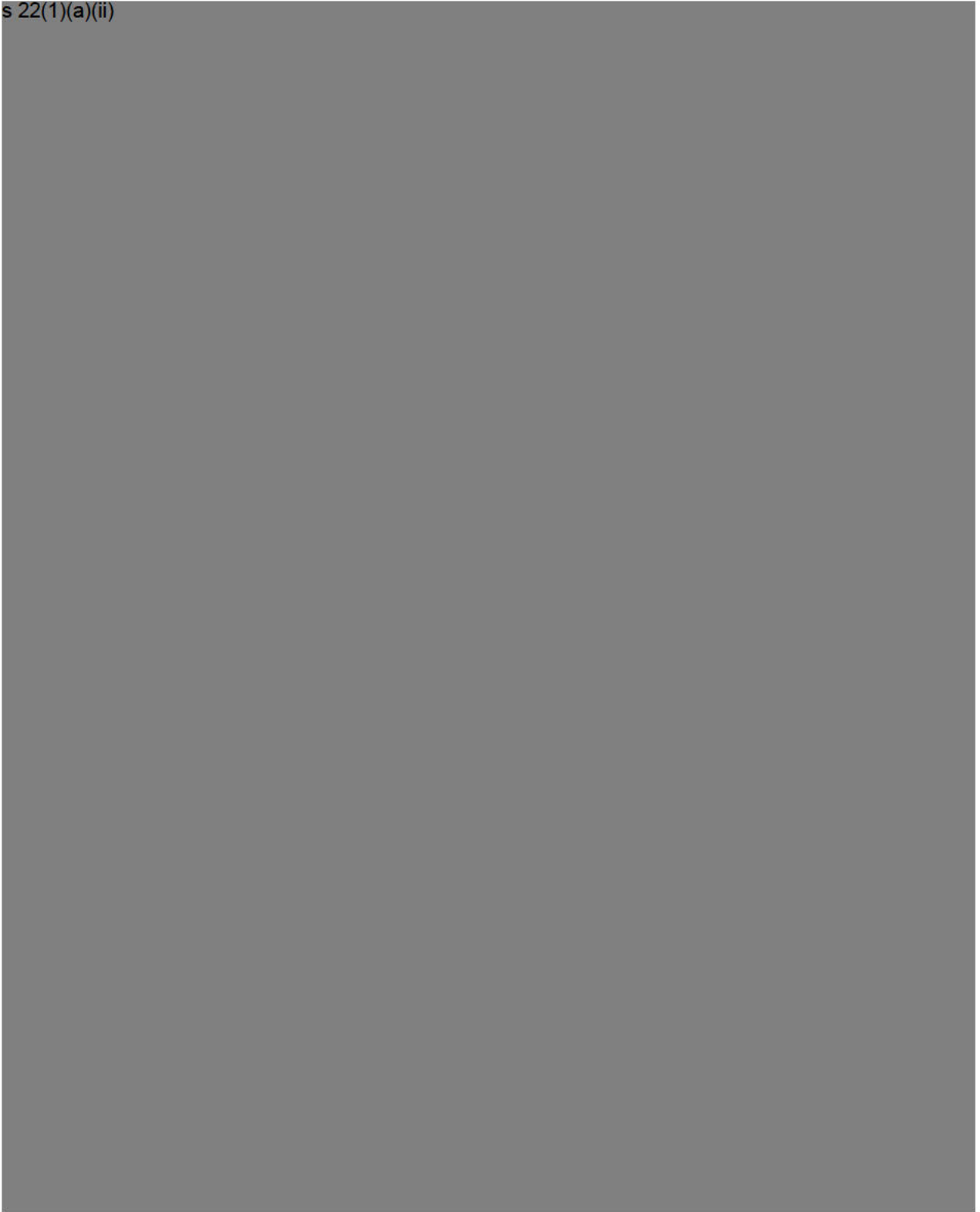
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To: [SPD - Education and Immigration Branch](#)
Subject: Media [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 21 March 2023 8:11:52 AM
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Hi all,

Media update for today (Tuesday). Nothing looks particularly CIB-worthy at this stage.

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HIGHER EDUCATION AND SKILLS:

HECS pain inflating

The Daily Telegraph by Eilidh Sproul Mellis

Tuesday 21 March 2023, 12:09am AEDT - Page 11

THE highest increase to student loan indexation in a decade will be saddling thousands of graduates with more debt than they are repaying, sending them backwards in the next financial year. People with HECS-HELP loans can expect to see their...

Keywords: HECS (2), student (2), HECS-HELP (1), students (5), university (1), Sydney (1), Queensland University (1)

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To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Subject: FW: For action by 2pm Friday 18 November: 2 strategic priorities for Div Heads [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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From: Fitzgerald, Susan
Sent: Friday, 18 November 2022 2:43 PM
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <s 22(1)(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au>
Cc: Leahy, Megan <Megan.Leahy@pmc.gov.au>
Subject: FW: For action by 2pm Friday 18 November: 2 strategic priorities for Div Heads [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi there!

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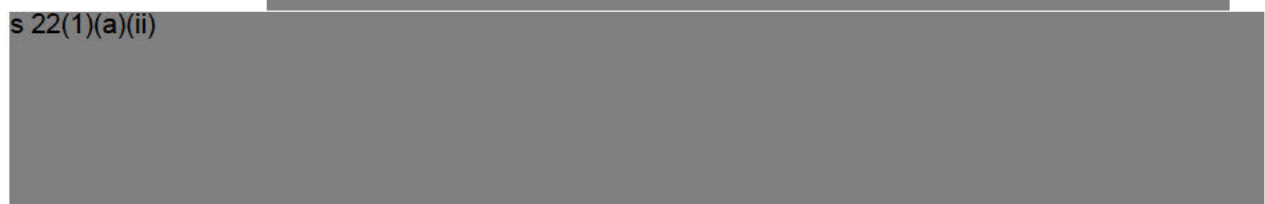


- o Resolution of the outstanding issues relating to s 22(1)(a)(ii) HELP debts “stuck” in the system, resulting in delayed notification of debts to students and, in some cases, several years of indexation.

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From: s 22(1)(a)(ii) <s 22(1)(a)(ii)@pmc.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 16 November 2022 6:43 PM
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Hi SES team,

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Subject: FW: Gen/Dom 1pm ~~[SEC=PROTECTED, CAVEAT=SH:CABINET]~~
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Back briefing for Gen re student loans situation and questions. Placeholder for any additional questions I've missed.

Thanks

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi Gen

During your catch-up with Dom English at 1pm on the historical student loans issue, you may wish to test the following.

- What is your thinking re treatment of the historical HELP debts? s 47C

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- XYZ any questions I've missed?

Key background

- s 34(3)

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Cc: Quilty, Genevieve <Genevieve.Quilty@pmc.gov.au>; Fitzgerald, Susan <Susan.Fitzgerald@pmc.gov.au>; Skills and Higher Education Team s 47E(d) @pmc.gov.au
Subject: s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi Alison

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



Since Budget, following investigations by Department of Education, it has emerged there are also some debts stuck in the HELP system (around \$40m of debts attached to 7,500 students, with most debts in recent years, but some from well over a decade ago). These debts have not yet been released and are therefore not known about by students or the public more broadly. s 47C

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Happy to chat further about this one. s 47C

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Warm regards

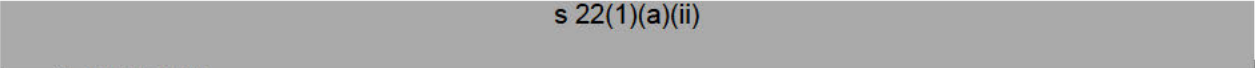
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6. Since the 2022-23 October Budget, the Department of Education has discovered historic (pre-1 July 2021) Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) debts linked to around 7,500 students that were also not transferred to the ATO in a timely manner. These debts have not yet been released. PM&C expects the Minister for Education, the Hon Jason Clare MP, to write to you shortly on this issue.

7. Following the receipt of Minister Clare's letter, PM&C will brief you with options for Government consideration of the treatment of these HELP debts s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 22(1)(a)(ii) with mind to ensuring equitable treatment of students within and across loan types.

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8. PM&C notes that there will be subsequent announcement of these HELP debts and their treatment following Government consideration, s 22(1)(a)(ii) s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Sensitivities:

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Consultation:

Economic Division, Cabinet Division, Finance, DEWR.

Megan Leahy
Assistant Secretary
Education and Immigration Branch
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 - 8 a. Caucus clearance.

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Comments:

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s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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ATTACHMENTS A - OPC Memorandum

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Subject: FW: INFO: HELP waiver for doctors and nurses in R&R Australia measure [SEC-PROTECTED]
Date: Monday, 17 April 2023 3:03:45 PM

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Sent: Monday, 7 November 2022 6:05 PM
To: Leahy, Megan <Megan.Leahy@pmc.gov.au>
Cc: Fitzgerald, Susan <Susan.Fitzgerald@pmc.gov.au>; Skills and Higher Education Team <s 47E(d)@pmc.gov.au>; de Burgh, Russell <Russell.DeBurgh@pmc.gov.au>; Neil, John <John.Neil@pmc.gov.au>
Subject: RE: INFO: HELP waiver for doctors and nurses in R&R Australia measure [SEC-PROTECTED]

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Thanks for this Megan.

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Subject: INFO: HELP waiver for doctors and nurses in R&R Australia measure [SEC-PROTECTED]

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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thanks for the call earlier regarding the HELP debt reduction and indexation waiver for doctors and nurses in rural and remote Australia measure in the *Higher Education Support Amendment (2022 Measures No. 1) Bill*.

We've consulted with our colleagues in the Health shadow area and can confirm s 47C

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Happy to discuss as always

Thanks,
Megan

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Please note: I work Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and job-share with Susan Fitzgerald (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). Susan can be contacted on s 22(1)(a)(ii) or at susan.fitzgerald@pmc.gov.au

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Hi Megan,

As requested, please find below an email for you to send to Lauren regarding the rural nurses HELP waiver. s 47C

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Health expect the bill to be

introduced this week.

s 47C

Cheers,

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Hi Lauren,

Thanks for the call earlier regarding the HELP debt reduction and indexation waiver for doctors and nurses in rural and remote Australia measure in the Higher Education Support Amendment (2022 Measures No. 1) Bill.

We've consulted with our colleagues in the Health shadow area s 47C

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Happy to discuss as always.

Thanks,
Megan

From: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
To: s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cc: [Skills and Higher Education Team](#); s 22(1)(a)(ii); s 22(1)(a)(ii); [de Burgh, Russell](#)
Subject: PMO request - HELP reduction and waiver proposal [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Monday, 7 November 2022 3:24:46 PM
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Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii),

Thanks for the chat just now. As I mentioned, we've been talking to AS Pat Janek and FAS Matt Williams in Health Workforce Div about the HELP reduction/waiver measure over the past few weeks.

s 47C



Happy to chat further,

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