

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2015**

Question

Will the Minister publish a table showing how the amounts of funding contributed to grant funding for students in Higher Education (HE) and the ratio of States to household funding has changed since the grant thresholds were last adjusted for earnings in 2001?

Will he further state what progress, if any, he has made in his discussions with the Minister for Treasury and Resources over HE grant/loan funding?

Answer

Year	States contribution	Total Cost	% States contribution
2001/02	£8.9m	£13.9m	64%
2008/09	£7.8m	£17.4m	45%
2010/11	£7.9m	£17.4m	45%
2011/12	£8.1m	£17.5m	46%
2012/13	£8.7m	£18.5m	47%
2013/14	£8.7m	£18.3m	47.5%
2014/15	£7.8m	£16.8m	47%

- The figures are based on the maximum maintenance grant paid and actual fees charged
- The tuition fees for new starters increased in 2006 and again in 2012
- Figures relate to study at undergraduate level only

The Minister has had discussions with the Treasury Minister about potential options. These discussions are at an early stage but initial research would suggest that a pure loan scheme, similar to the UK, is not viable. Other options are now being pursued.