

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, SPORT AND CULTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2015**

Question

In the answer to written question 1240/5(9061) tabled on 17th November 2015, it was suggested that the increase in tuition fees would be limited over the next few years. If this is not seen as a high priority by the Council of Ministers, what funding will be available, no matter how large or small, in order to meet those increases without the ability to bid for further monies in future years?

Answer

The UK green paper 'Fulfilling our potential' indicates that university fees could go up by inflation for universities that reach level 1 of the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) in future.

Inflation in UK is currently -0.1%. There is no indication from Universities UK or the department of Business, Innovation and Skills that fees will go up any more than this, but if all courses were affected by a 1% increase the cost would rise by £55,000 a year. It is likely this could be absorbed within the higher education budget of £9 million.