

SCHEDULE OF INFORMATION

DOCUMENT 1

Title – ‘Abolish the Graduate Endowment’
Document type – internal policy document

Remove the Burden of Debt Repayments - Financial Implications

The outstanding debt is currently around £1.8bn.

In the manifesto Brix I provided a write-off figure of approx £1.4bn. This was a rough calculation based on the latest figures available – discounting for future write-off and interest provisions and including an a write-off amount for the debt that was sold in the late 1990’s.

This figure is likely to increase further as loans have been paid out again this year (2006-7 and are likely to be paid next year, 2007-8, as well). Therefore, by the time we get to write off the debt, the overall amount outstanding could be around £2.2bn – so the likely write-off cost should be in the region of £1.6 to £1.7bn.

DOCUMENT 2

Title – ‘Graduate Endowment, Grants and Student Loan Debt’
Document type – advice to Ministers

Removing The Burden Of Debt Repayments - Financial implications

The outstanding debt for Scottish borrowers at 31 March 2007 is £1.847bn. This figure is likely to increase as loans are advanced in 2007-08. Therefore, by the time the debt is written off the overall amount outstanding could be over £2bn, with a likely write-off cost of around £1.6bn. In financial year 2006-07, around £52m was received from loan repayments from Scottish student loan borrowers.

Option 2 – Negotiate repayments with Treasury/Executive makes repayments

If repayments were to be made in line with what student repay then this would mean repaying £40-£50m per year over 40 years or more. There would be a number of issues that would need to be clarified around this with Treasury before it could be considered.

DOCUMENT 3**Title – ‘Remove the burden of student loan debt’****Document type – email between policy officials**

In the paper providing the options for writing-off student loan debt, I have stated that ‘This net cost of write-off will increase each year from 31 March 2007 by approximately £100m. This is made up as follows:-

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| Annual increase in net student debt | 150m |
| Less Increase in Student Loans Provision | -40m |
| Reduction in debt sale debt (it is 13m in paper but rounded to 10) | <u>-10</u> |
| | <u>100m</u> |