



**Statement on Senator Risa Hontiveros' claim on the P7-billion  
"questionable releases" under CHED**

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We take seriously the allegations raised by Senator Risa Hontiveros that CHED-UniFAST has nearly P7-Billion "questionable releases" for the implementation of its programs.

The alleged "questionable releases" have been answered squarely by CHED-UNIFAST in its reply to the COA while observations (e.g. inefficient billing) requiring action from CHED-UniFAST have been corrected as these allegations stem from COA observations 3-4 years ago (AY 2018-2019 and AY 2019-2020).

CHED has always been fully transparent and accountable in its implementation of RA 10931 or the UAQTE. The beneficiaries of UAQTE are the beneficiaries mandated by the law. No UAQTE funds have been released to students who are not beneficiaries under the law.

Nevertheless, CHED is ready to meet with Senator Hontiveros to clarify her concerns. I will hold a press conference next week to explain the side of CHED and UniFAST.

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