

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 354

Topic: Stronger Participation for Jobseekers under 30

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Senator Brown asked:

There have been reports that some courses of study will be excluded from the scope of exemption to allow young people to receive income support. Is this true?

- a. If so, what courses are not within the scope of the exemption?
- b. Who will decide which courses?

Answer:

Under the *Social Security Act 1991*, an approved course of education or study for Youth Allowance and Austudy is defined as a course determined under section 5D of the *Student Assistance Act 1973* to be a secondary or tertiary course. The Student Assistance (Education Institutions and Courses) Determination 2009 (No.2) can be found at <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2013C01032>.

The Minister for Social Services determines which courses will fall within the scope of the exemption.