

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Social Services Portfolio**  
**2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 359**

**Topic: Stronger Participation for Jobseekers under 30**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

Reports have suggested that cooking courses may be excluded. On what basis is an aspiration to be a chef not considered a legitimate career?

**Answer:**

This measure, will not affect the payment of Youth Allowance (student) or Austudy/ABSTUDY. Under the Social Security Act 1991, an approved course of education or study for Youth Allowance (student) and Austudy is a course listed in the Student Assistance (Education Institutions and Courses) Determination 2009 (No.2).

All courses, including cooking courses that have been approved by the Minister for Social Services will attract Youth Allowance (student) or Austudy/ABSTUDY.