

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

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 364**

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

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**Senator Brown** asked:

If a young person applies for a course, will they have their income support cut for the waiting period until they are enrolled in that course?

**Answer:**

Under social security law, a young person in receipt of a student payment, who meets the full-time study requirements, can remain on that payment (subject to meeting all other eligibility criteria):

- when transitioning from an approved course to another approved course if they intend to enrol when enrolments are next accepted; or
- when on vacation from the approved course they are undertaking they intend enrolling in the same or another approved course when enrolments are next accepted.

A young person completing school and in receipt of Youth Allowance (student), intending to complete further education at a tertiary institution will continue to receive payment.

A young person not in full-time study will not qualify for a student payment until commencement of the approved course.