

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

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**Question No: 367**

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

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**Senator Brown** asked:

Is the Department aware of any 'accredited courses relevant to the labour market' for which there are no eligibility requirements administered by the course provider (In other words, courses for which application is a guarantee of entry, and the provider cannot refuse the person access)?

- a. If so, how many places does the Department estimate exist in such courses?
- b. If not, what income support options will be available for a job seeker under 30 who is unemployed at the end of six months income support and has been refused entry, despite applying for accredited courses?
- c. If it is correct that they lose income support, does this remain true regardless of how many jobs the person has applied for and how many courses to which they have sought, but been refused, entry

**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>.

- a. The Department of Industry advises that states and territories are responsible for the operation of training systems within their jurisdictions, including student eligibility and access to public subsidies and the setting of strategic priorities for the delivery of courses and qualifications.
- b. The recipient in this situation will have to serve a waiting period of six months.
- c. Yes.