

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0286\_15**

**Senator Xenophon asked on 4 June 2014, Hansard page 16**

**Question**

**Allowances for home schooling**

Senator XENOPHON: I am happy for this to be taken on notice. It is about who is responsible for supervising and teaching programs in the home on a daily basis. If the responsibility lies with the family, does government recognise this role? Apparently it doesn't, in terms of support, which takes a member out of the workforce or necessitates the employment of additional staff, particularly if they are in a rural farming property. Why won't the government provide a specific allowance for families in receipt of Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme allowance to take this into account? Has the department done any modelling on the benefits of introducing such an allowance? All very simple questions. Ms Paul: So this is particularly about home schooling?

**Answers**

Please refer to ED0273\_15.