

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0901\_11**

**Senator Nash provided in writing.**

**Question**

**YOUTH ALLOWANCE – TAX REVENUE**

Was the view that the investment in regional students, by paying them independent youth allowance, would be repaid in taxes when they work while studying, and during their career, taken into account? What about the contribution these students make to rural and regional Australia when they return to work, as an educated professional?

**Answer**

The Australian Government's comprehensive reforms to student income support aim to ensure a fairer and more equitable allocation of resources to increase access to, and better target, support for students from low socioeconomic status backgrounds. The reforms respond directly to Recommendation 5 of the Bradley Review of Australian Higher Education (the Bradley Review).

Matters taken into consideration in developing the recommendations can be found in the Bradley Review Report at:  
[www.deewr.gov.au/HigherEducation/Review/Pages/ReviewofAustralianHigherEducationReport.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/HigherEducation/Review/Pages/ReviewofAustralianHigherEducationReport.aspx).

The Government's response to the Bradley Review recommendations can be found at:  
[www.deewr.gov.au/HigherEducation/Pages/TransformingAustraliasHESystem.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/HigherEducation/Pages/TransformingAustraliasHESystem.aspx).