

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 3 - Employment**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0921\_13

**Senator Cash asked on 13 February 2013, Hansard page 82**

**Question**

**Loss of allowances - Parenting payment recipients**

Senator CASH: How many parenting payment recipients lost their pharmaceutical allowance after being moved on to Newstart? Ms Taylor: We will take that on notice. I would have said that none have lost that, but I will just check. Senator CASH: How many parenting payment recipients lost their education entry payment after being moved on to Newstart? Ms Taylor: I am sorry; they are still eligible for the education entry payment. Senator CASH: They are still eligible for it? Ms Taylor: Yes, they are. Senator CASH: They might be still eligible for it; did anyone lose it? Ms Taylor: Not that I am aware of, but I will check that.

**Answer**

No parents lose their Pharmaceutical Allowance or their Education Entry Payment as a result of moving from Parenting Payment to Newstart Allowance. Eligibility for these payments is based on personal circumstances.