

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

**Outcome** 4  
**DEEWR Question No. EW722\_09**

Senator Boyce asked on 5 June 2008, EEWHR Hansard page 47

**Question**

*Living Away From Home – Extension to Australian School-based Apprentices*

Was the decision to cut it in February a decision of the Minister for Finance?

**Answer**

Eligibility for the Living Away From Home Allowance was extended to Australian School-based Apprentices effective 1 January 2008. The Australian Government decision to withdraw funding of \$100,000 in 2007-08 was announced by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation on 6 February 2008, however the Department will continue to provide Living Away From Home Allowance for this cohort of Australian Apprentices under existing appropriations for the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program.