SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome 2

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Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

Youth Development and Support Program

In regards to the Youth Development and Support Program- funding reallocation identified in Budget Paper 2 pg 188.

- a. Is the Youth Sponsorship Initiative ceasing to operate? If so, what impact will this have?
- b. What are "eligible" organisations as stated in Budget Paper 2 youth groups, State Governments, etc?
- c. When will the funding round be announced? Or is it open?

Answer

- a. Funding under the Youth Sponsorship Initiative (YSI) ceased on 30 June 2008, however, the Youth Development and Support Program will provide funding to support initiatives offering development opportunities for young people.
- b. Youth Development and Support Program guidelines that set out the objectives, eligibility, funding arrangements, selection criteria and the assessment and decision making process are expected to be available shortly at <u>www.youth.gov.au</u>.
- c. A call for applications for funding is expected to be announced early in 2009–10.