

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome/Agency 2

DEEWR Question No. EW0083_10

Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

YouthLinx

In the Budget Statement, there appears to be a significant reduction in the numbers of people assisted through the YouthLinx program – can you explain this? The number of contacts with young people has halved – are these year to date figures?

Answer

The YouthLinx program will be replaced by the National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions on 1 January 2010. Accordingly, the estimated number of people assisted through the YouthLinx program for 2009-10 is based on a forecast of activity over six months, rather than the twelve month figure in the 2008-09 estimate.