SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome 4

DEEWR Question No. EW0085_10

Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.

Question

Definition of full time study

How is "full time study" defined?

Answer

For the purposes of Youth Allowance, a student is considered full time if the education institution classifies their course as full time and:

- he or she is doing at least three quarters of the full time load; or
- he or she is undertaking an amount of study equal to at least three quarters of the average amount the person would undertake in order to complete the course in the minimum time; or
- neither of these apply, but the student has at least 15 hours of face to face study in a week.