

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

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

Outcome 4

DEEWR Question No. EW0099_10

Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.

Question

Implementation

How will the scheme be implemented? Is it intended to operate like the Centrelink breaching system for welfare payments?

Answer

Youth Allowance (Other) recipients, including young people without Year 12 or an equivalent qualification, are subject to the new job seeker compliance model from 1 July 2009. However, because early school leavers who claim Youth Allowance (Other) on or after 1 July 2009 cannot be required to look for work, they cannot incur job search-related failures.

Centrelink and Job Services Australia providers have been advised that where an early school leaver has not been participating in study or other activities included in their Employment Pathway Plan, the primary aim should be to re-engage the young person with their activities or, where appropriate, negotiate a new Employment Pathway Plan.