SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome 4

DEEWR Question No. EW0101_10

Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.

Question

Under what conditions will payments be stopped?

What will be the conditions under which payments are stopped and what will be the arrangements for special circumstances such as those described above?

Answer

The arrangements will be flexible for young people who find it difficult to undertake full time study or training, or 25 hours a week of part time study or training in combination with other approved activities. The special circumstances exemption will operate as an additional measure should this be required in addition to the range of exemptions and flexibilities outlined in the response to EW0090 10.

In the event that none of the exemptions, flexibilities or special circumstances apply, Youth Allowance (Other) will not be payable if an early school leaver capable of participating in study or training does not agree to do so.