

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

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

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**Question**

*Youth Engagement funding allocation*

Senator BACK—The budget papers show that, from 2008 to 2009-10, there is an increase of \$2.367 million for Youth Engagement. Where will that funding be allocated?

Ms McKinnon—There are a range of initiatives under Youth Engagement. For example, \$20,000 of that goes to fund the Heywire initiative, which is run through the ABC and allows rural and regional youth to compete in a competition to record their experiences. There is also a number of awards—for example, a local government youth award—and, I suspect, funding for activities like Young Australian of the Year. I can give you a list if I take that on notice.

**Answer**

The increase of \$2.367 million will be allocated to support National Youth Week, the Australian Clearinghouse for Youth and the 50 per cent increase in the Transition to Independent Living Allowance program funding.

National Youth Week, the Australian Clearinghouse for Youth and Youth Sponsorship funds were previously supported from departmental funding. The funds were reclassified as administered funding consistent with financial management of similar DEEWR projects.