

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0188\_11**

**Senator Siewert asked on 31/05/2010, Hansard page 64.**

**Question**

**HENRY TAX REVIEW**

Senator SIEWERT—That would be appreciated. Thank you. In terms of some of the recommendations that the Henry tax review made—because they were also looking at transfers, not just at tax—regarding simplification of some of the categories, is there any work being done in that area? Is that being followed up or has there been any work done in the recent past in terms of trying to make the payment processes a bit simpler—because, as you know, they are highly complex? ... Mr Griew—We may be able to answer the specific questions, but often we will have to take them on notice. Senator SIEWERT—I would appreciate it if you could take that one on notice to the extent that you can answer it.

**Answer**

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations provided technical input to the Henry Review on working age payments and related tax policy. The Department has not to date undertaken any specific follow-up work on the implementation of the Henry Review recommendations.