

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

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

**Outcome 3 – Higher Education**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0327\_11**

**Senator Marshall asked on 2/06/2010, Hansard page 89.**

**Question**

**COST OF THE STUDENT START-UP SCHOLARSHIP**

CHAIR—What is that an increase of compared to the scheme that it has replaced?  
Ms Milliken—It would be a substantial increase, given the broader reach and the number of students taking up the— CHAIR—If you cannot give me that figure now, perhaps you could take that on notice. Ms Milliken—We can take that on notice

**Answer**

The Student Start-up Scholarship replaces the Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarship (CECS). Existing recipients of CECS or Indigenous CECS will continue to receive the CECS or Indigenous CECS for the duration of their course under current arrangements.

In 2010, the Student Start-up Scholarship provides \$650 for each six months of study, totalling \$1300 for the year. Payment of the first instalment to eligible students commenced from 1 April 2010.

In 2009, a CECS was valued at \$2207 and 25 884 CECS were paid at a total expenditure of \$57.1 million.

As at 30 April 2010, 120 954 Student Start-up Scholarships had been paid in 2010 at a total expenditure of \$78.6 million.