## Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2012-2013

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation

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Question

**JET - process** 

Senator NASH: I understand obviously that they have to give you the evidence that they have enrolled, but enrolling and turning up are two entirely different things. I enrolled in university; I did not always go to my lectures. Enrolling is very different to actually turning up. From what you are saying, there is not oversight from that enrolling point, or is there? Have I missed something? Ms Paul: We shall take on notice what the regime is, because it is a DHS process with their forms and so on. Senator NASH: I understand that, but I would have thought that, given it is \$110 million; you would know what the process was. Is there any requirement then for the parents to inform DHS of completion of the course? Senator Kim Carr: Why don't we check all of that? Senator NASH: No; just let me ask the question first, Minister, and then you will know what you need to check. Is there any knowledge of whether or not a parent is required to inform when the course has been completed? Ms Taylor: I will take that on notice, because it goes to DHS and their processes and their interaction, if you like, with the parents. Senator NASH: Okay, if you could, because that at least would seem to assist in some way. If a course has been completed then that would indicate that at least there has been a level of attendance to attain proficiency.

## **Answer**

The Department of Human Services (DHS) has provided the following response:

If a parent is approved for Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance (JETCCFA) and undertakes a training course they must provide the completion date of the course as part of the proof of enrolment which is provided when the initial JETCCFA claim is assessed. If the parent's circumstances change during the period of JETCCFA approval, for example they cease studying earlier than previously anticipated, they are obliged to notify DHS of this change.

Also refer to EW0960 13.