

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

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

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0325\_11**

**Senator Mason asked on 2/06/2010, Hansard page 86.**

**Question**

**RURAL TERTIARY HARDSHIP FUND LEGISLATION**

Senator MASON—But what about the start-up and finish dates? Ms Paul—It looks as though we might take on notice whether the start and finish are in the legislation.

**Answer**

The *Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Income Support for Students) Act 2010* provides that the scheme, which is known as the Rural Tertiary Hardship Fund, will pay \$20 million in the period from 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2013.