

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

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

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Scullion asked on 3/06/2010, Hansard page 22.

Question

Boarding Facilities - Student Contributions

Senator SCULLION—The original remote Indigenous boarding school budget included a figure of something like \$15,000 per student resident per year, and that is indexed at four per cent per annum to operate the facilities. Have you decided on whether or not there will be a contribution from the student or the family, or a fee that would be included in that?

Ms Wall—I do not believe we have, but I will check that for you as well.

Answer

It is expected that most families utilising these facilities will be on low incomes. This factor will be taken into consideration, along with the availability of ABSTUDY and other sources of financial support, when 'student contribution' policies for each facility are developed.