

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0061\_14

**Senator Boyce provided in writing.**

**Question**

**National Student Transport Card**

Student travel concessions are available on a state by state basis – for instance, Queensland school, TAFE and university students may have access to concessional travel throughout Queensland. However, the concessions do not cross state and territory borders. A Queensland Student ID Card holder is not eligible for travel concessions in New South Wales or Victoria etc. If a student's circumstances make them eligible for travel concessions in one state, then surely they should be eligible across Australia. • As part of a national initiative, is the Commonwealth planning to introduce a National Student Transport Card which would give eligible students access to concessional travel in all states and territories along the lines of the National Seniors' Transport Scheme? • If not, would the department give consideration to implementing such a scheme?

**Answer**

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is unable to provide a substantive response to this question. Transport concession arrangements for students remain the responsibility of the states and territories and DEEWR has not undertaken analysis of the issue.