

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

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

Outcome 3 - Employment

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Senator Cash asked on 4 June 2013, Hansard page 54

Question

Income-free area for income support recipients

Senator CASH: In relation to the income-free area for income support recipients, when was the department directed to begin work on the increase in this particular area? Ms Taylor: Same answer. Senator CASH: Budget process, and take on notice by whom et cetera? Ms Taylor: Yes.

Answer

The Department undertook indicative costing of increasing the income-free area for Newstart Allowance to \$100 per fortnight and indexing it, within the context of the 2013–14 Budget process.