

Department of Social Services
Inquiry into the Social Services and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2013
Answer to Question on Notice – 10 December 2013 – Canberra

Secretary
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

At the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee hearing of 10 December 2013 for the 'Inquiry into the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013', during questions for Schedule 3 (Family tax benefit and eligibility rules), I undertook to confirm the process for advising Family Tax Benefit (FTB) recipients who have a child completing Year 12 about claiming Youth Allowance.

The Department of Human Services has confirmed that FTB recipients are currently sent a letter if they have a child who will complete Year 12 to advise them of the effect on their FTB, and the letter also advises about the option for the child to claim Youth Allowance. This process would continue to apply under the new measure in Schedule 3 to the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 (Family tax benefit and eligibility rules).

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