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Senator Moore asked:

The Coalition's 2013 election promises included an initial commitment of \$3 million over three years to provide annual bursaries for young carers. It is estimated that 360,000 Australians between the ages of 15 and 25 years of age are carers. There are also many carers under the age of 15 years. It was planned that 150 annual bursaries valued up to \$10,000 would be awarded to young carers aged 25 years or under, on a needs basis, up to a cap of \$1 million per year. What is the status of this commitment, including the timeframe for the establishment of these bursaries? How has it been incorporated into Departmental planning and projections?

Answer:

The Department is currently consulting key stakeholders on design and implementation options for the Young Carer Bursary Programme.

The Government has not yet finalised the programme but it is due to start in the 2015 academic year.

Further detail about the programme will be available once consultations have been completed and the programme design has been finalised.