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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: Youth Allowance

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bernardi

QUESTION No.: BI-110

FaHCSIA officials indicated that the default payment arrangement for 16-17 year olds who are dependent Youth Allowance recipients are made to the parent (see Hansard excerpt below).

- a) Is this the case?
- b) What is the default arrangement for 18-19 year olds that are dependent Youth Allowance recipients?

Community Affairs Hansard, 29 May 2012, p.20 Mr Whitecross: ... The default payment arrangement for a 16- to 17-year-old dependant youth allowance is that the payments are made to the parents, in which case the schoolkids bonus would be paid to the parents.

ANSWER

- a) Yes.
- b) Youth Allowance is paid directly to their bank account.