

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

BRADLEY REVIEW TARGETS

Can you explain the figures in the DEEWR budget statements in table 2.3.3 in relation to the Bradley Review targets? The table lists the number of students expected to receive a range of student allowances, however the figures vary little and show little to no growth.

Answer

Announced in May 2009, the student income support reforms in response to the Bradley Review of Australian Higher Education were designed to be cost neutral over the following four years.

Table 2.3.3 in the DEEWR 2010-11 Portfolio Budget Statements shows a small increase in the number of student payment recipients over the forward estimates period.

The package of student income support reforms in response to the Bradley Review of Australian Higher Education will contribute to meeting the Government's target of 20 per cent of higher education enrolments at undergraduate level being from students from low socio-economic backgrounds as well as 40 per cent of 25-34 year olds having a qualification at bachelor degree or higher by 2025.

The suite of reforms was designed to provide better support for those in need, for example, by increasing the parental income test threshold for dependent recipients of Youth Allowance.

DEEWR's 2011-12 Portfolio Budget Statements shows an increase in the number of youth allowance students undertaking higher education for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 financial years.