

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome **2**

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Senator Payne provided in writing

Question

Youth Linx, Mentor Marketplace and Transition to Independent Living Allowance

"Youth Linx, Mentor Marketplace and Transition to Independent Living Allowance. Are all three of these programmes continuing?"

Answer

As announced in the 2009-10 Budget, from 1 July 2009 the Transition to Independent Living Allowance will continue with an increase from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for eligible young people leaving care.

From 1 January 2010 the new youth, career and transition support program arrangements will be in place under a National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions. These programs will replace the Mentor Marketplace and YouthLinx programs and other youth programs from January 1 2010. Forums have been held in each state and territory to share information with current youth program providers about the nature of the new programs and the processes related to introducing them from 2010.