

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 2-School Student Assistance**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0435\_12**

**Senator Mason asked on 2/06/2011, Hansard page 84.**

**Question**

**Education Tax Refund**

Senator MASON: In relation to 2.12, my question relates to the Education Tax Refund – I am just wondering where Treasury would obtain numbers about eligible students. Where would that information come from? – If it did not come from the Department of Education, where would it come from? – Can you, Minister, or the department take on notice what information was passed on to Treasury about the Education Tax Refund, and if so, what information was given prior to the measure being announced in the 2008-09 budget?

**Answer**

The Treasury did not use student data from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations in estimating the number of students that would be eligible under the 2008-09 Education Tax Refund Budget measure.