

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Social Services Portfolio**  
**2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 48**

**Topic: Support for Higher Education Students**

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**Senator Whish-Wilson** asked:

Can the Department provide the number of students who received start up scholarships by Federal electorate and level of study? (If electorate data is unavailable please provide by state and territory)

**Answer:**

Preparing Student Start-up Scholarship data at the electorate and study level would require a significant diversion of departmental resources from other business priorities and regular operations. Student Start-up Scholarships are available only for higher education students. The following table lists the number of students (unique count) who received at least one Student Start-up Scholarship payment, by state and territory, in the 2013 calendar year.

<b>State</b>	<b>Students</b>
New South Wales	89,783
Victoria	77,929
Queensland	51,959
Western Australia	20,985
South Australia	20,693
Tasmania	6,263
Australian Capital Territory	4,469
Northern Territory	934
Unknown	159
<b>Total</b>	<b>273,174</b>

**Note:** Unique count is a count of all students who received at least one Student Start-up Scholarship payment in the 2013 calendar year.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract)