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Topic: Support for Higher Education Students

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Senator Whish-Wilson asked:

Can the Department provide the number of students who receive Youth Allowance/Austudy) scholarships by Federal electorate and level of study? (If electorate data is unavailable please provide by state and territory)

Answer:

Preparing Youth Allowance and Austudy scholarship data at the electorate and study level would require a significant diversion of departmental resources from other business priorities and regular operations. Table 1 below lists the number of students (unique count) who received at least one Student Start-up Scholarship payment, by state and territory and payment type, in the 2013 calendar year.

Table 1: Unique count of Student Start-up Scholarship recipients by state/territory and payment type

State	Youth Allowance	Austudy
New South Wales	74,883	13,527
Victoria	65,272	12,423
Queensland	41,082	9,779
Western Australia	17,100	3,639
South Australia	16,860	3,620
Tasmania	4,877	1,286
Australian Capital Territory	3,764	677
Northern Territory	633	202
Unknown	151	6
Total	224,622	45,159

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

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Table 2 below lists the number Youth Allowance students (unique count) who received at least one Relocation Scholarship payment, by state and territory, in the 2013 calendar year. Please note that Austudy students are ineligible to receive a Relocation Scholarship payment.

Table 2: Unique count of Relocation Scholarship recipients by state/territory

State	Recipients
New South Wales	14,603
Victoria	11,842
Queensland	10,767
Western Australia	2,468
South Australia	2,989
Tasmania	1,533
Australian Capital Territory	630
Northern Territory	215
Unknown	87
Total	45,134

Note: Unique count is a count of all students who received at least one Relocation Scholarship payment in the 2013 calendar year.

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