

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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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 Fares Allowance by Federal electorate and level of study? (If electorate data is unavailable please provide by state and territory)

Answer:

Preparing Fares Allowance data at the electorate level would require a significant diversion of departmental resources from other business priorities and regular operations. The following table lists the number of students (unique count) who received at least one Fares Allowance component payment, by state and territory, in the 2013 calendar year.

State	Students
New South Wales	732
Victoria	335
Queensland	2,517
Western Australia	1,007
South Australia	271
Tasmania	195
Australian Capital Territory	35
Northern Territory	1,568
Unknown	16
Total	6,676

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

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