

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

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 485**

**Topic: Remove Grandfathering for student start-up scholarship recipients**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

How many applications for student start-up scholarships were made each year for the last three years?

**Answer:**

There is no separate application process for Student Start-up Scholarships. Higher education students, who meet the eligibility requirements, automatically receive their Student Start-up Scholarship payments. The following table lists the number of students (unique count) who received at least one Student Start-up Scholarship payment in each of the previous three calendar years.

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>Number of students that received at least one Student Start-up Scholarship payment</b>
2011	223,121
2012	247,999
2013	273,235

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

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