

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Student Relocation Assistance

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Senator Rhiannon asked:

1. Looking at the removal of Relocation Scholarship Assistance for Students Relocating Within and Between Major Cities can you please provide the definition the department is using for "major cities"?
 - a. Do you mean capital cities?
 - b. Is there a population cap?
 - c. Are Wollongong, Geelong, Newcastle major cities?
2. How has it been calculated how many students will be impacted by these changes? The fact that a \$ figure has been attached to this changes would indicate numbers of students affected has been calculated.
3. What percentage of total current recipients of the allowance would no longer receive it under these changes?

Answer:

1. Locality for Relocation Scholarships is currently categorised in accordance with the document entitled 'Statistical Geography Volume 1 Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) July 2006' published by the Australian Statistician as required under paragraph 1067A(10F)(a) of the *Social Security Act 1991*.
2. The number of students estimated to be impacted by this measure is based on an agreed costing methodology utilising existing student payment data.
3. It is estimated that approximately 50 per cent of total current Relocation Scholarship recipients would no longer receive the Scholarship under the proposed changes.