

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.11 Student Payments**

**Question No: SQ15-000867**

**Topic: Family Assets and Actual Means Tests**

**Hansard page:**

**Senator Rachel Siewert** asked:

In 2013–14 and 2014–15, how many Youth Allowance (Student) applicants were rejected because of the following reasons

- Parental income too high
- Family assets too high
- FAMT too high

Broken down by state and territory AND by remoteness area.

**Answer:**

**Attachment A** provides the number of Youth Allowance (Student) applicants according to the breakdown requested.

In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided "np".

<b>Number of claims for Youth Allowance (student) rejected due to parental income too high, parental assets too high or Family Actual Means Test (FAMT) too high – 2013-14 by State</b>			
<b>State/Territory</b>	<b>2013-14</b>		
	<b>Parental income too high</b>	<b>Parental assets too high</b>	<b>FAMT too high</b>
New South Wales	2,713	102	293
Victoria	2,535	80	255
Queensland	1,945	42	198
South Australia	602	<20	52
Western Australia	934	23	74
Tasmania	174	<20	<20
Northern Territory	37	<20	<20
Australian Capital Territory	143	<20	<20
Unknown	19	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,102</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>901</b>

<b>Number of claims for Youth Allowance (student) rejected due to parental income too high, parental assets too high or Family Actual Means Test (FAMT) too high – 2013-14 by Remoteness Area</b>			
<b>Remoteness Area</b>	<b>2013-14</b>		
	<b>Parental income too high</b>	<b>Parental assets too high</b>	<b>FAMT too high</b>
Major Cities of Australia	6,835	197	645
Inner Regional Australia	1,579	42	168
Outer Regional Australia	595	21	64
Remote Australia	39	<20	<20
Very Remote Australia	<20	<20	<20
Not Assigned	np	1	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,102</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>901</b>

<b>Number of claims for Youth Allowance (student) rejected due to parental income too high, parental assets too high or Family Actual Means Test (FAMT) too high – 2014-15 by State</b>			
<b>State/Territory</b>	<b>2014-15</b>		
	<b>Parental income too high</b>	<b>Parental assets too high</b>	<b>FAMT too high</b>
New South Wales	2,725	110	263
Victoria	2,593	101	285
Queensland	1,885	50	171
South Australia	599	<20	80
Western Australia	788	21	65
Tasmania	148	<20	<20
Northern Territory	60	0	<20
Australian Capital Territory	137	<20	<20
Unknown	10	1	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,945</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>896</b>

<b>Number of claims for Youth Allowance (student) rejected due to parental income too high, parental assets too high or Family Actual Means Test (FAMT) too high – 2014-15 by Remoteness Area</b>			
<b>Remoteness Area</b>	<b>2014-15</b>		
	<b>Parental income too high</b>	<b>Parental assets too high</b>	<b>FAMT too high</b>
Major Cities of Australia	6,612	230	605
Inner Regional Australia	1,611	38	182
Outer Regional Australia	611	28	88
Remote Australia	69	<20	<20
Very Remote Australia	<20	<20	<20
Not Assigned	np	1	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,945</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>896</b>

**Source:** Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS extract).