

**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: SQ15-000868**

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

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**Senator Rachel Siewert** asked:

How many YA (student) receive a reduced rate under the Family Actual Means Test

- Broken down by state and territory and
- by assessed 'equivalent' income range
- by remoteness area

**Answer:**

**Attachment A** provides the number of Youth Allowance (student) recipients as at June 2015 that received a reduced rate under the Parental Income Test (PIT) or Family Actual Means Test (FAMT), by State and Territory and Remoteness Area.

These figures have not been broken down by income range or reason for rate reduction (PIT or FAMT) as it would require a significant diversion of departmental resources.

Attachment A

<b>Recipients of Youth Allowance (student) on a reduced rate due to the PIT or FAMT by State/Territory</b>	
<b>State/Territory</b>	<b>Total</b>
New South Wales	12,069
Victoria	11,502
Queensland	7,118
South Australia	2,915
Western Australia	2,213
Tasmania	949
Northern Territory	131
Australian Capital Territory	390
Not Assigned	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,359</b>

<b>Recipients of Youth Allowance (student) on a reduced rate due to the PIT or FAMT by Remoteness Area</b>	
<b>Remoteness Area</b>	<b>Total</b>
Major Cities of Australia	25,882
Inner Regional Australia	7,677
Outer Regional Australia	3,279
Remote Australia	260
Very Remote Australia	59
Not Assigned	202
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,359</b>

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