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TOPIC: Youth Allowance

REFERENCE: Written Question –Senator Nash

QUESTION No.: AI-171

How many students have had their application for independent youth allowance rejected since 1 January 2012? If any, for what reasons?

ANSWER

For the period 1 January - 24 February 2012, and where a rejection reason has been recorded on the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) payment system, 272 applicants had their application for independent Youth Allowance (student) rejected.

Rejections and reasons are only recorded for certain categories of independent Youth Allowance (student). Rejections due to failure to satisfy workforce participation requirements have only been recorded since 1 January 2012. In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20".

Independent Youth Allowance (student) rejections - 1 January - 24 February 2012.

Serious family breakdown or long term domestic disharmony not established	195
Still living in parental home	31
Failed to attend interview	<20
Has guardian support	<20
In receipt of parental like support	<20
No parental home not established	<20
Other exceptional circumstances not established	<20
Refuses to contact parent/guardian	<20
Did not earn, in an 18 month period since leaving school, 75 per cent of the maximum rate of pay under the appropriate National Training Award	<20
Did not work at least 15 hours per week for at least two years since leaving school	<20
Did not work an average of 30 hours per week for at least 18 months in a two year period	<20
Returned home	<20
Serious risk not established	<20
Supported by State/Territory	<20
Total	272

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data as at 24 February 2012.