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TOPIC: Regional Students - Youth Allowance

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Nash

QUESTION No.: AI-58

Various Labor MPs early this year issued media releases detailing the number of regional students to benefit from changes to the independent youth allowance criteria for inner regional students starting 1 January this year.

<http://www.ministers.deewr.gov.au/evans/regional-students-benefit-youth-allowance-changes>

Can the dept provide a breakdown of the number of regional students to benefit from the changes per electorate.

ANSWER

The following table provides the number of students, by electorate, estimated to benefit each year due to the extension of concessional arrangements for Independent ABSTUDY and Youth Allowance to Inner Regional students.

Federal Electorate	Inner Regional students estimated to gain independence each year through the concessional arrangements for workforce participation
Adelaide	<20
Aston	<20
Ballarat	368
Banks	<20
Barker	60
Barton	<20
Bass	182
Batman	<20
Bendigo	313
Bennelong	<20
Berowra	<20
Blair	<20
Blaxland	<20
Bonner	<20
Boothby	<20
Bowman	<20
Braddon	<20
Bradfield	<20
Brand	28

Federal Electorate	Inner Regional students estimated to gain independence each year through the concessional arrangements for workforce participation
Brisbane	<20
Bruce	<20
Calare	274
Calwell	<20
Canberra	<20
Canning	46
Capricornia	80
Casey	<20
Charlton	31
Chifley	<20
Chisholm	<20
Cook	<20
Corangamite	150
Corio	24
Cowan	<20
Cowper	110
Cunningham	<20
Curtin	<20
Dawson	39
Deakin	<20
Denison	297
Dickson	<20
Dobell	<20
Dunkley	<20
Durack	<20
Eden-Monaro	44
Fadden	<20
Fairfax	46
Farrer	202
Fisher	24
Flinders	22
Flynn	32
Forde	<20
Forrest	173
Fowler	<20
Franklin	105
Fraser	<20
Fremantle	<20
Gellibrand	<20
Gilmore	115
Gippsland	109
Goldstein	<20
Gorton	<20
Grayndler	<20
Greenway	<20

Federal Electorate	Inner Regional students estimated to gain independence each year through the concessional arrangements for workforce participation
Grey	<20
Griffith	<20
Groom	181
Hasluck	<20
Herbert	<20
Higgins	<20
Hindmarsh	<20
Hinkler	65
Holt	<20
Hotham	<20
Hughes	<20
Hume	151
Hunter	50
Indi	171
Isaacs	<20
Jagajaga	<20
Kennedy	<20
Kingsford Smith	<20
Kingston	<20
Kooyong	<20
La Trobe	<20
Lalor	<20
Leichhardt	<20
Lilley	<20
Lindsay	<20
Lingiari	<20
Longman	<20
Lyne	108
Lyons	<20
Macarthur	20
Mackellar	<20
Macquarie	29
Makin	<20
Mallee	<20
Maranoa	40
Maribyrnong	<20
Mayo	88
Mcewen	99
Mcmahon	<20
Mcmillan	113
Mcperson	<20
Melbourne	<20
Melbourne Ports	<20
Menzies	<20
Mitchell	<20

Federal Electorate	Inner Regional students estimated to gain independence each year through the concessional arrangements for workforce participation
Moncrieff	<20
Moore	<20
Moreton	<20
Murray	169
New England	195
Newcastle	<20
North Sydney	<20
O'Connor	<20
Oxley	<20
Page	160
Parke	74
Parramatta	<20
Paterson	57
Pearce	36
Perth	<20
Petrie	<20
Port Adelaide	<20
Rankin	<20
Reid	<20
Richmond	94
Riverina	202
Robertson	<20
Ryan	<20
Scullin	<20
Shortland	<20
Solomon	<20
Stirling	<20
Sturt	<20
Swan	<20
Sydney	<20
Tangney	<20
Throsby	44
Wakefield	21
Wannon	171
Warringah	<20
Watson	<20
Wentworth	<20
Werriwa	<20
Wide Bay	44
Wills	<20
Wright	73
Total	5469

Note: The overall number of students estimated to benefit each year from the extension of the concessional arrangements for independent ABSTUDY and Youth Allowance is based on numerous assumptions used in developing costings.

The breakdown of the estimated number of students by electorate requires the use of a postcode concordance (the percentage of a postcode that fits within an area) and is indicative only.

The column totals will vary from the sum of the component totals as a result of rounding caused by the use of a postcode concordance to derive the electorate distribution.

As the costings and electorate breakdown were based on actual student payment data, in order to protect individuals' privacy, populations <20 are reported as "<20".

Not all electorates contain Inner Regional areas and while these electorates will have zero beneficiaries, they have been reported as "<20".