

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Youth Allowance

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Nash

**QUESTION No.:** AI-53

Refer to QON SI-128 part 2. Please break down the number of students who qualified for Youth Allowance as dependent living away from home between 1 January 2012 and 31 August 2012 into ASGC-RA classification.

**ANSWER**

The following table gives approximate unique counts of Youth Allowance (student) recipients who have qualified as dependent living away from home between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012<sup>1</sup>.

<b>Remoteness Area</b>	<b>Dependent away from home</b>
<b>Major Cities</b>	14,100
<b>Inner Regional</b>	8,800
<b>Outer Regional</b>	4,000
<b>Remote</b>	400
<b>Very Remote</b>	100
<b>Not Assigned</b>	200
<b>Total</b>	27,600

**Data Descriptions**

The table counts new recipients of Youth Allowance (student) who qualified as dependent and living away from home between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012 and existing recipients who experienced a change in independence or living circumstances, and therefore qualified as independent and living away from home, over the same period.

Note: Remoteness area distribution is based on the recipient's most recent home postcode as at the end of their study period using the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) 2006 Postal Areas (POA) to 2006 Remoteness Areas (RA) concordance.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data - DIISRTE Extract Report (Job#AI2075) produced on 05/03/2013.

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<sup>1</sup> Data is for the full year rather than to the end of August 2012, the date referred to in the question, because full year data was used to answer related questions from the October Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing.