

**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-54

1. How many students from regional and remote areas in 2012 and 2013 (if available) received independent youth allowance living away from home? (Please break down into the ASGC-RA map zones).
2. How many students from regional and remote areas in 2012 and 2013 (if available) received dependent youth allowance living away from home? (Please break down into the ASGC-RA map zones).

**ANSWER**

1. The following table gives approximate unique counts of students who have received independent youth allowance living away from home between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012. Data for 2013 is not yet available.

<b>Remoteness Area</b>	<b>Independent away from home</b>
<b>Inner Regional</b>	15,300
<b>Outer Regional</b>	7,300
<b>Remote</b>	700
<b>Very Remote</b>	200
<b>Total</b>	23,500

**Data Descriptions**

The above table includes recipients of Youth Allowance (student) who are current (i.e. entitled to be paid) and recorded as independent living away from home on the Department of Human Services' payment system.

Remoteness area distribution is based on the recipient's most recent home postcode using the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) 2006 Postal Areas (POA) to 2006 Remoteness Areas (RA) concordance.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data – DEEWR Bluebook dataset.  
Report (Job#A13046) produced on 06/03/2013.

2. The following table gives approximate unique counts of students who have received dependent youth allowance living away from home between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012. Data for 2013 is not yet available.

<b>Remoteness Area</b>	<b>Dependent away from home</b>
<b>Inner Regional</b>	23,900
<b>Outer Regional</b>	9,600
<b>Remote</b>	900
<b>Very Remote</b>	200
<b>Total</b>	34,600

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