

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Healthy Living Allowances

**REFERENCE:** Written Question - Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No.:** BI -173

Does the Department still make available an annual healthy living allowance to its employees? If so, what is the amount of that allowance; how many applications for the allowance were (a) made and (b) approved in 2010-11 and 2011-12; and how much was paid to the successful applicants in total for each of those years?

**ANSWER**

The department provides an annual healthy living allowance of \$200 to employees with at least 12 months service.

No information is available on the number of applications made however 1,191 payments totaling \$162,768 (GST exclusive) were made in the 2010-11 financial year.

There were 1,316 payments totaling \$219,377 (GST exclusive) made in the 2011-12 financial year.