

**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:** Independent Youth Allowance

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, Monday 28 May 2012, page 80).

**QUESTION No.:** BI-35

**Senator NASH:** Yes, I was after a subset, and I can appreciate that is difficult. To go to the much broader question then, is it possible to give me, over the last five years, just the total amount that has been expended on independent youth allowance regardless of any of the breakdown of regional et cetera? Is that possible? I appreciate that it might not be possible right this second, but would that be possible?

**Ms Sakkara:** We could take it on notice.

**Mr Griew:** We will take that on notice. It will be a question of what DHS is able to do for us out of that data set. It makes sense that will not be able to model it. You can model anything, of course; it just depends on how accurate the modelling will be.

**ANSWER**

The Department of Human Services (Centrelink) has advised that it does not hold Youth Allowance (student) expenditure information at the level required to answer this question and to provide the information would involve an unreasonable diversion of the Department of Human Services resources.