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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: SchoolKids Bonus – Youth Allowance

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bernardi

QUESTION No.: BI-107

During the Community Affairs Estimates on 29 May, FaHCSIA officials stated that there were about 80,000 income support payment recipients who will receive the SchoolKids Bonus, with most of those being on youth allowance (see Hansard excerpt below).

Community Affairs Hansard, 29 May 2012, p.20 Mr Whitecross: I do not know whether I have a number specifically for youth allowance. The number of people receiving income support payments who will get the schoolkids bonus is around 80,000. Most of those are on youth allowance. Senator BERNARDI: Most of those? Mr Whitecross: Yes.

Exactly how many of those 80,000 (referred to above) are receiving Youth Allowance (Student)? If the Department also is responsible for any other category of Youth Allowance, please provide an answer for that particular category too.

ANSWER

The SchoolKids Bonus commences on 1 January 2013. Eligibility for the SchoolKids Bonus for those secondary school students in receipt of Youth Allowance (student) will be determined by the Department of Human Services at 1 January and 30 June each year against criteria as stipulated in the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999*.

It is not possible at this stage to determine how many students in receipt of Youth Allowance (student) will receive the SchoolKids Bonus.

Youth Allowance (job seeker) is the responsibility of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.