

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

**TOPIC:** Student Relocation

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Nash

**QUESTION No.:** SI-125

Can the Department advise of the number of students relocating from metropolitan areas to regional universities for study, if possible in each of the last 4 years or if not available for this timeframe for as many prior years as possible?

**ANSWER**

The Department collects data on a range of characteristics of students enrolled in higher education in Australia, including the locations where students are studying.

The latest available data are for 2011. Table 1 below provides a summary of the number students from metropolitan areas who enrolled at a regional campus for the period 2008 to 2011. A total of 63,892 students from metropolitan areas enrolled at a regional campus in 2011, an increase of 15.5 per cent from 2008.

Table 1: Number of students from metropolitan areas studying at a Regional campus, 2008-2011(a)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	% change 2008-2011
Total domestic students(a)	742,147	778,677	819,495	847,244	14.2%
Metropolitan students(b)	559,125	586,741	616,241	635,342	13.6%
Metropolitan students at Regional campus(c)	55,296	58,146	61,900	63,892	15.5%

Selected Higher Education Student Statistics, DIISRTE

(a) Includes domestic students at Table A or B providers.

(b) Includes students with postcode of permanent home residence in ASGC code 0 (Major Cities).

(c) Includes students studying at a campus located in ASGC codes 1 to 5 (Inner and Outer Regional, Remote and Very Remote). If students study at more than one campus, then the main campus is used (ie. the one with the most load).