

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13
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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.: SI-126

1. Regarding your answers to QoN AI-168 and QoN AI-169: Can you please clarify why this information is not readily available?
2. Can you provide this information for a shorter time frame? The last 3 years, or at the very least in the last financial year.
3. Can the department clarify: were there no applications for independent youth allowance rejected in this period due to the parental income test?
4. Can the department provide details of the number of students who have had their application for Independent youth allowance, living away from home, rejected since January 2012 due to the parental income test?

ANSWER

1. Data on expenditure broken down by the recipient characteristics requested is not extracted by the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (the Department) or the Department of Human Services (DHS). The Department is developing a methodology for estimating expenditure by multiple recipient characteristics and we anticipate that estimates of expenditure by the recipient characteristics requested will be available within 6-12 months.
2. As expenditure data is not currently available at the level of detail requested, it is not possible to provide this data for a shorter time period.
3. and 4. This level of information is not recorded on the DHS payment system.