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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: Youth Allowance

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Nash

QUESTION No.: SI-127

1. Can the Department provide a breakdown on the number of students receiving relocation scholarships in 2010, 2011 and 2012? (based on ASGC-RA classifications)
2. Can the same information be provided in relation to student start up scholarships?
3. Can the Department provide the total expenditure on relocation scholarships in each of the last 3 years, and if possible further breakdown this information into the total expenditure in each of the last 3 years based on ASGC-RA classifications?
4. Can the same information be provided in relation to student start up scholarships?
5. Can the department advise how many students classified, for purposes of the scholarship, as independent and living away from home, have received the relocation scholarship in each of the last 3 years?
6. Can the Department also provide the total expenditure on relocation scholarships for students classified as independent and living away from home?

ANSWER

1.

Remoteness Area	Relocation Scholarships – Number of Students Paid for 2010 as at 31/08/2012		
	\$4000	\$1000	Total No.
	Total No.	Total No.	
Major Cities	8661	6699	15360
Inner Regional	4451	2329	6780
Outer Regional	2142	959	3101
Remote	180	87	267
Very Remote	56	26	81
Not Assigned	181	54	235
Total	15671	10153	25824

Data Descriptions

Includes the following recipients:

Recipients of ABSTUDY or Youth Allowance (student) who have received a Relocation Scholarship payment from the Department of Human Services payment system for the 2010 calendar year as at 31/08/2012.

Remoteness area distribution is based on the recipient home postcode using the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) 2006 Postal Areas (POA) to 2006 Remoteness Areas (RA) concordance. Home postcode is at 31/12/2010.

Note: discrepancies may occur between the sum of the component items and the total due to rounding, caused by the use of a concordance.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data - DIISRTE Extract.

Remoteness Area	Relocation Scholarships – Number of Students Paid for 2011 as at 31/08/2012		
	\$4124	\$1031	Total No.
	Total No.	Total No.	
Major Cities	9281	11086	20367
Inner Regional	5374	5231	10605
Outer Regional	2590	2465	5055
Remote	240	197	438
Very Remote	57	57	115
Not Assigned	151	194	345
Total	17694	19230	36924

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Remoteness Area	Relocation Scholarships – Number of Students Paid for 2012 as at 31/08/2012			
	\$4000	\$2000	\$1000	Total No.
	Total No.	Total No.	Total No.	
Major Cities	8724	n.a.	10663	19387
Inner Regional	5799	4597	2871	13267
Outer Regional	2655	2676	1196	6527
Remote	269	270	108	647
Very Remote	65	55	28	148
Not Assigned	132	11	93	236
Total	17644	7609	14959	40212

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2.

Remoteness Area	Student Start-up Scholarships – Number of Students Paid for 2010 as at 31/08/2012		
	Total No. that Received One Payment	Total No. that Received Two Payments	Total No. of Students that Received a Payment
Major Cities	31845	119250	151095
Inner Regional	6339	24503	30842
Outer Regional	2201	8250	10451
Remote	176	673	849
Very Remote	54	194	249
Not Assigned	148	590	738
Total	40763	153460	194223

Data Descriptions

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Recipients of ABSTUDY, Austudy or Youth Allowance (student) who have received a Student Start-up Scholarship payment from the Department of Human Services payment system for the 2010 calendar year as at 31/08/2012.

Remoteness area distribution is based on the recipient home postcode using the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) 2006 Postal Areas (POA) to 2006 Remoteness Areas (RA) concordance. Home postcode is at 31/12/2010.

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	Total No. that Received One Payment	Total No. that Received Two Payments	Total No. of Students that Received a Payment
Major Cities	41423	128996	170419
Inner Regional	8371	28116	36486
Outer Regional	2964	10450	13414
Remote	242	876	1118
Very Remote	81	231	312
Not Assigned	170	719	889
Total	53251	169388	222639

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	Total No. that Received One Payment	Total No. that Received Two Payments	Total No. of Students that Received a Payment
Major Cities	44128	135462	179590
Inner Regional	8743	31474	40216
Outer Regional	3142	11949	15091
Remote	279	1017	1296
Very Remote	78	245	323
Not Assigned	210	725	935
Total	56580	180872	237452

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3.

Relocation Scholarship expenditure is paid out of the relevant program special appropriations and is not reported separately. Relocation Scholarship expenditure can be estimated based on the number of recipients by area shown in the above tables.

Remoteness Area	Estimated Relocation Scholarship Expenditure as at 31/08/2012		
	2010 (m)	2011 (m)	2012 (m)
Major Cities	\$41.3	\$49.7	\$45.6
Inner Regional	\$20.1	\$27.6	\$35.3
Outer Regional	\$9.5	\$13.2	\$17.2
Remote	\$0.8	\$1.2	\$1.7
Very Remote	\$0.3	\$0.3	\$0.4
Not Assigned	\$0.8	\$0.8	\$0.6
Total	\$72.8	\$92.8	\$100.8

4.

Student Start-up Scholarship expenditure is paid out of the relevant program special appropriations and is not reported separately. Student Start-up Scholarship expenditure can be estimated based on the number of recipients by area shown in the above tables.

Remoteness Area	Estimated Student Start-up Scholarship Expenditure as at 31/08/2012		
	2010 (m)	2011 (m)	2012 (m)
Major Cities	\$175.7	\$328.5	\$322.9
Inner Regional	\$36.0	\$70.9	\$73.5
Outer Regional	\$12.2	\$26.2	\$27.7
Remote	\$1.0	\$2.2	\$2.4
Very Remote	\$0.3	\$0.6	\$0.6
Not Assigned	\$0.9	\$1.8	\$1.7
Total	\$226.0	\$430.1	\$428.8

5.

Remoteness Area	Relocation Scholarships – Number of Independent Students Paid for 2010 as at 31/08/2012		
	\$4000	\$1000	Total No.
	Total No.	Total No.	
Major Cities	3359	2801	6160
Inner Regional	1014	544	1558
Outer Regional	437	152	590
Remote	37	11	48
Very Remote	10	1	12
Not Assigned	54	8	62
Total	4911	3519	8430

Data Descriptions

Includes the following recipients:

Recipients of independent ABSTUDY or independent Youth Allowance (student) who have received a Relocation Scholarship payment from the Department of Human Services payment system for the 2010 calendar year as at 31/08/2012.

Independence status is at the payment delivery date where the payment is made for the intended calendar year. For payments made in arrears, independence status is at 31/3 in the intended calendar year for the payment.

Remoteness area distribution is based on the recipient home postcode using the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) 2006 Postal Areas (POA) to 2006 Remoteness Areas (RA) concordance. Home postcode is at 31/12/2010.

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Remoteness Area	Relocation Scholarships – Number of Independent Students Paid for 2011 as at 31/08/2012		
	\$4124	\$1031	Total No.
	Total No.	Total No.	
Major Cities	2749	4236	6984
Inner Regional	547	777	1324
Outer Regional	211	193	404
Remote	9	8	17
Very Remote	3	4	7
Not Assigned	12	38	50
Total	3531	5256	8787

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Remoteness Area	Relocation Scholarships – Number of Independent Students Paid for 2012 as at 31/08/2012			
	\$4000	\$2000	\$1000	Total No.
	Total No.	Total No.	Total No.	
Major Cities	2610	n.a	4432	7042
Inner Regional	566	255	582	1403
Outer Regional	223	114	175	512
Remote	16	6	9	31
Very Remote	3	2	1	6
Not Assigned	10	2	19	31
Total	3427	379	5219	9025

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6.

Relocation Scholarship expenditure is paid out of the relevant program special appropriations and is not reported separately. Relocation Scholarship expenditure can be estimated based on the number of independent recipients by area shown in the above tables.

Remoteness Area	Estimated Relocation Scholarship Expenditure for Independent Recipients as at 31/08/2012		
	2010 (m)	2011 (m)	2012 (m)
Major Cities	\$16.2	\$15.7	\$14.9
Inner Regional	\$4.6	\$3.1	\$3.4
Outer Regional	\$1.9	\$1.1	\$1.3
Remote	\$0.2	\$0.0	\$0.1
Very Remote	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Not Assigned	\$0.2	\$0.1	\$0.1
Total	\$23.2	\$20.0	\$19.7