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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Independent Youth Allowance

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Nash

QUESTION No.: SI-128

1. How many students have successfully qualified for Independent Youth Allowance living away from home since 1 January 2012? Can this information be broken down into ASGC-RA classifications?
2. How many students have successfully qualified for Dependent Youth Allowance living away from home since 1 January 2012?

ANSWER

1. The table below gives approximate unique counts of Youth Allowance (student) recipients who have qualified as Independent living away from home between 1 January 2012 and 31 August 2012.

Remoteness Area	Independent¹ away from home
Major Cities	37100
Inner Regional	10400
Outer Regional	4200
Remote	400
Very Remote	100
Not Assigned	100
Total	52300

¹ **Data Descriptions**

The above table counts new recipients of Youth Allowance (student) who qualified as Independent and living away from home between 1 January 2012 and 31 August 2012 and existing recipients who experienced a change in independence or living circumstances and therefore qualified as Independent and living away from home over the same period.

Note: Remoteness area distribution is based on the recipient's most recent home postcode as at the end of their study period using the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) 2006 Postal Areas (POA) to 2006 Remoteness Areas (RA) concordance.

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
Report produced on 21/01/2013.

2. Between 1 January 2012 and 31 August 2012 approximately 27000² students qualified for Youth Allowance (student) as Dependent living away from home.

² **Data Descriptions**

The figure above is a count of new recipients of Youth Allowance (student) who qualified as Dependent and living away from home between 1 January 2012 and 31 August 2012 and existing recipients who experienced a change in independence or living circumstances and therefore qualified as Dependent and living away from home over the same period.

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