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Dear Mr Bryant

Question on Notice SI-128 – Youth Allowance

The Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (the Department) provided a response to a Question on Notice (QoN) SI-128 from Senator Fiona Nash from the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 17 October 2012.

The QoN concerned the number of students who had qualified for Youth Allowance as living away from home since 1 January 2012.

While preparing answers to questions from the Additional Estimates hearing in February we noticed that our answer to QoN SI-128 incorrectly described the period covered by the answer as between 1 January 2012 and 31 August 2012. The period covered by the answer was, in fact, between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012.

A corrected version of the answer is attached. Note that we have also made minor revisions to the data presented in the answer due to refinements in methodology since the original answer was provided. Adopting the refined methodology for this answer ensures consistency with answers provided to similar questions at last Additional Estimates.

The Department apologises for any inconvenience.

Yours sincerely,

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Economics Legislation Committee
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-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 December 2012.

Remoteness Area	Independent away from home
Major Cities	37900
Inner Regional	10600
Outer Regional	4200
Remote	400
Very Remote	100
Not Assigned	200
Total	53400

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 December 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.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data - DISRTE Extract Report (Job#A12075) produced on 05/03/2013.

2. Between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012 approximately 27600 students qualified for Youth Allowance (student) as dependent living away from home.

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 December 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.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data - DIISRTE Extract Report (Job#A12075) produced on 21/01/2013