

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.5 – Assistance for post school students including those with special needs.

DEST Question No. E1020_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

a) How many New Apprentices did DEST expect to be in receipt of Youth Allowance each year?

and

b) What is the revised figure for this year and the budgeted figure across the forward estimates?

Answer:

Youth Allowance

Youth Allowance is targeted to those most in need of additional assistance and is subject to the application of personal and parental means testing. Initial estimates were based on information available at that time. Changes to the estimates reflect higher than anticipated New Apprenticeship wages and parental incomes, likely to be a reflection of the current strong labour market and economic conditions.

a) The following table shows the estimated annual average number of New Apprentices to be in receipt of Youth Allowance as calculated for the funding of this measure for the 2004-05 Additional Estimates:

2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
60,854	63,897	66,133	67,786

b) The following table shows revised estimated annual average New Apprentices receiving Youth Allowance as calculated for the funding of this measure for the 2005-06 Additional Estimates:

2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
15,854	17,850	19,142	20,780