

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 1 & 2

**Output Group:** 1.2 – Assistance for individuals including those with special needs  
2.5 – Assistance for post-school students including those with special needs

#### DEST Question No. E887\_06

Senator Stott Despoja provided in writing.

#### Question:

Please provide the current figures on the take up rates of Austudy.

#### Answer:

*Take up rates for Austudy*

Austudy is available to eligible students aged 25 to 64. For 2005, the proportion of full-time students who were on Austudy was 15.1 per cent. This is based on the number of recipients in June and the annual average number of 25 to 64 year olds in full-time education in 2005.

#### Austudy: 2005

Austudy (full-time students)*	31,611
Total full-time students aged 16 to 24**	209,800
Take-up rate – Austudy	15.1%

**Notes:**

- \* Point in time Centrelink data as at June 2005 and is not the total number of students who received Austudy in 2005.
- \*\* Based on ABS *Labour Force Australia* data, representing a 12 month average (January to December 2005). It is not the actual number of students at a point in time.