

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1 and 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. E122\_04

Senator Crossin asked on 3 June 2003. EWRE Hansard page 260

#### Question:

Do you have any statistics at all on the number of Abstudy applications that are made by states and territories on a year to year basis?

#### Answer:

*ABSTUDY applications by State and Territory*

Table 1 shows the number of applicants, by State and Territory, for ABSTUDY in 2000, 2001 and 2002. Table 2 shows the number of ABSTUDY recipients by educational sector for 2000, 2001 and 2002.

**Table 1: ABSTUDY applications received by Centrelink for 2000, 2001 and 2002**

Year	NSW	QLD	WA	NT	SA	VIC	TAS	ACT	NOT SPECIFIED	TOTAL
2000	14,617	11,833	8,463	5,089	3,377	2,727	1,535	275	654	48,570
2001	15,714	12,189	9,002	4,779	3,386	2,881	1,613	292	205	50,061
2002	16,397	12,714	9,225	4,764	3,609	2,857	1,706	283	7	51,562

Source: SuperSTAR data provided by Centrelink

**Table 2: ABSTUDY recipients for 2000, 2001 and 2002 by sector.**

Year	Schools	Vocational Education and Training	Higher Education	Total
2000	25,435	16,868	5,959	48,262
2001	26,895	17,271	5,800	49,966
2002	28,375	17,429	5,688	51,492

Source: SuperSTAR data provided by Centrelink as at 4 July 2003 for the ABSTUDY Beneficiary Population (eligible and paid in the same calendar year).