

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 3 – Employment**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0087\_13

**Senator Macdonald provided in writing.**

**Question**

***Youth Allowance***

How many persons currently receiving Youth Allowance are classified as 'independent'?

**Answer**

As at 30 March 2012, 35,584 recipients of Youth Allowance (other) were classified as independent.

The Machinery of Government change that was announced by the Prime Minister in December 2011 has meant that Youth Allowance (student and apprentice) is now the responsibility of the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE).

The following information was provided by DIISRTE.

As at 30 March 2012, 101,098 recipients of Youth Allowance (student and apprentice) were classified as independent.