EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY 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. E814_06 – Final

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

For the years 1998-2004, how many students were in receipt of (i) Youth Allowance, (ii) Austudy, (iii) ABSTUDY, in the following areas:

- By institution type (ie school/TAFE/university)
 - Of each of these, how many were receiving the independent rate?
 - o Of each of these, how many were receiving the away from home rate?
 - o How many recipients were in each age cohort?

Answer:

Income Support for Students

Attached are tables detailing the number of students in receipt of Youth Allowance and Austudy for the years 1999-2004 and ABSTUDY for the years 2000-2004. Table A for each respective year summarises the total recipient numbers for each programme sorted by institution type and age cohort. Table B for each respective year contains the numbers of students receiving "independent rate" and the number of dependent students receiving "away from home" rate for each programme sorted by institution type and age cohort.

Please note the following points relating to the data provided in the attached tables:

- These are Centrelink point-in-time data as at 30 June each year.
- Independent rate means students are exempt from the parental means test and receive a payment based on their personal circumstances.
- Current arrangements for Youth Allowance and Austudy payments were introduced 1
 July 1998. The data for 1998 are not readily accessible and their collection would require
 significant re-direction of Departmental resources.
- Centrelink's IT system to administer ABSTUDY was developed in 1999 and hence readily accessible ABSTUDY data exist only from 2000 onwards. Collection of ABSTUDY data prior to this time would require significant re-direction of Departmental resources.
- For ABSTUDY, the data include both ABSTUDY Schooling (secondary students under 16 years of age in receipt of School Term Allowance or School Fees Allowance) and ABSTUDY (secondary and tertiary students in receipt of ABSTUDY Living Allowance).
- A small number of universities have a TAFE campus. Students in receipt of income support payments at these TAFE campuses are generally included within the university numbers as data are sourced by using the institution name.

TOTAL YOUTH ALLOWANCE & AUSTUDY RECIPIENTS AS AT JUNE 30, 1999

BENEFIT TYPE	AGE GROUP	INSTITUTION TYPE	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES (ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST THOUSAND)
AUSTUDY	18 TO 24	TAFE	<1
		UNIVERSITY	<1
		OTHER	<1
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	1
		TAFE	11
		UNIVERSITY	29
		OTHER	4
		TOTAL	45
YOUTH ALLOWANCE	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	122
		TAFE	9
		UNIVERSITY	4
		OTHER	1
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	16
		TAFE	30
		UNIVERSITY	105
		OTHER	10
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	4
		OTHER	<1
		TOTAL	301

- (1) An Institution Type of 'OTHER' includes both Educational Institutions that do no fit into the other categories as well as missing values
- (2) Totals may differ slightly from the sum of the individual cells due to rounding factors.

YOUTH ALLOWANCE & AUSTUDY RECIPIENTS RECEIVING INDEPENDENT RATE OR AWAY FROM HOME RATE AS AT JUNE 30, 1999

BENEFIT TYPE	AGE GROUP	INSTITUTION TYPE	RECEIVING INDEPENDENT RATE	RECEIVING AWAY FROM HOME RATE
AUSTUDY	18 TO 24	TAFE	0	0
		UNIVERSITY	<20	<20
		OTHER	0	0
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	659	0
		TAFE	11160	<20
		UNIVERSITY	29081	<20
		OTHER	4247	<20
		TOTAL	45147	0
YOUTH ALLOWANCE	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	8251	2964
		TAFE	2162	874
		UNIVERSITY	544	1094
		OTHER	182	203
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	3544	789
		TAFE	11030	3846
		UNIVERSITY	39780	26789
		OTHER	4404	1886
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	30	<20
		TAFE	644	<20
		UNIVERSITY	3531	69
		OTHER	288	<20
		TOTAL	74390	38514

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TOTAL YOUTH ALLOWANCE, AUSTUDY & ABSTUDY RECIPIENTS AS AT JUNE 30, 2000

BENEFIT TYPE	AGE GROUP	INSTITUTION TYPE	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES (ROUNDED TO NEAREST THOUSAND)
ABSTUDY SCHOOLING A	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	13
		TAFE	<1
		UNIVERSITY	<1
		OTHER	1
ABSTUDY	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	5
		TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	<1
		OTHER	<1
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	1
		OTHER	<1
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	3
		UNIVERSITY	3
		OTHER	1
		TOTAL	30
AUSTUDY	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	<1
		UNIVERSITY	<1
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	1
		TAFE	10
		UNIVERSITY	27
		OTHER	4
		TOTAL	41
YOUTH ALLOWANCE	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	122
		TAFE	9
		UNIVERSITY	5
		OTHER	1
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	16
		TAFE	30
		UNIVERSITY	113
		OTHER	9
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	<1
	-	TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	5
		OTHER	<1
		TOTAL	312

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ABSTUDY, AUSTUDY & YOUTH ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS RECEIVING INDEPENDENT RATE OR AWAY FROM HOME RATE AS AT JUNE 30, 2000

BENEFIT TYPE	AGE GROUP	INSTITUTION TYPE	RECEIVING INDEPENDENT RATE	RECEIVING AWAY FROM HOME RATE
ABSTUDY SCHOOLING A	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	24	46
		TAFE	0	0
		UNIVERSITY	0	0
		OTHER	<20	48
ABSTUDY	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	306	2203
		TAFE	119	63
		UNIVERSITY	25	35
		OTHER	<20	137
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	73	73
		TAFE	416	107
		UNIVERSITY	406	383
		OTHER	86	68
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	205	0
		TAFE	2878	<20
		UNIVERSITY	2917	<20
		OTHER	899	<20
		TOTAL	8354	3163
AUSTUDY	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	0	0
		TAFE	<20	0
		UNIVERSITY	0	0
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	520	<20
		TAFE	10403	<20
		UNIVERSITY	26689	49
		OTHER	3756	<20
		TOTAL	41371	49
YOUTH ALLOWANCE	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	8446	3559
		TAFE	2364	935
		UNIVERSITY	699	1106
		OTHER	195	159
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	3717	1129
		TAFE	12124	4164
		UNIVERSITY	49488	26960
		OTHER	4422	1895
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	30	<20
		TAFE	810	22
		UNIVERSITY	4965	254
		OTHER	420	<20
		TOTAL	87680	40183

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TOTAL ABSTUDY, AUSTUDY & YOUTH ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS AS AT JUNE 30, 2001

BENEFIT TYPE	AGE GROUP	INSTITUTION TYPE	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES (ROUNDED TO NEAREST THOUSAND)
ABSTUDY SCHOOLING A	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	15
		TAFE	<1
		UNIVERSITY	<1
		OTHER	<1
ABSTUDY	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	6
		TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	<1
		OTHER	<1
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	1
		OTHER	<1
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	3
		UNIVERSITY	3
		OTHER	1
		TOTAL	32
AUSTUDY	18 TO 24	TAFE	<1
		UNIVERSITY	<1
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	1
		TAFE	11
		UNIVERSITY	25
		OTHER	4
		TOTAL	41
YOUTH ALLOWANCE	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	113
		TAFE	9
		UNIVERSITY	5
		OTHER	1
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	16
		TAFE	32
		UNIVERSITY	120
		OTHER	9
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	6
		OTHER	<1
		TOTAL	311

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ABSTUDY, AUSTUDY & YOUTH ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS RECEIVING INDEPENDENT RATE OR AWAY FROM HOME RATE AS AT JUNE 30, 2001

BENEFIT TYPE	AGE GROUP	INSTITUTION TYPE	RECEIVING INDEPENDENT RATE	RECEIVING AWAY FROM HOME RATE
ABSTUDY SCHOOLING A	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	25	268
		TAFE	<20	<20
		UNIVERSITY	0	0
		OTHER	0	22
ABSTUDY	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	369	2524
		TAFE	137	74
		UNIVERSITY	26	50
		OTHER	<20	75
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	96	95
		TAFE	449	127
		UNIVERSITY	429	410
		OTHER	77	58
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	196	0
		TAFE	3095	<20
		UNIVERSITY	2889	23
		OTHER	728	<20
		TOTAL	8516	3726
AUSTUDY	18 TO 24	TAFE	0	0
		UNIVERSITY	0	0
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	539	<20
		TAFE	10873	<20
		UNIVERSITY	25372	119
		OTHER	4027	<20
		TOTAL	40813	119
YOUTH ALLOWANCE	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	8222	3421
		TAFE	2207	885
		UNIVERSITY	652	1112
		OTHER	203	143
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	3942	1241
		TAFE	12914	4165
		UNIVERSITY	58234	26100
		OTHER	4702	1809
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	44	<20
		TAFE	881	32
		UNIVERSITY	5649	354
		OTHER	472	28
		TOTAL	98122	39290

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TOTAL ABSTUDY, AUSTUDY & YOUTH ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS AS AT JUNE 30, 2002

BENEFIT TYPE	AGE GROUP	INSTITUTION TYPE	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES (ROUNDED TO NEAREST THOUSAND)
ABSTUDY SCHOOLING A	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	16
		TAFE	<1
		OTHER	<1
ABSTUDY	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	6
		TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	<1
		OTHER	<1
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	1
		TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	1
		OTHER	<1
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	3
		UNIVERSITY	3
		OTHER	1
		TOTAL	34
AUSTUDY	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	1
		TAFE	10
		UNIVERSITY	25
		OTHER	4
		TOTAL	40
YOUTH ALLOWANCE	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	107
		TAFE	8
		UNIVERSITY	4
		OTHER	1
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	15
		TAFE	33
		UNIVERSITY	127
		OTHER	9
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	6
		OTHER	<1
		TOTAL	308

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ABSTUDY, AUSTUDY & YOUTH ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS RECEIVING INDEPENDENT RATE OR AWAY FROM HOME RATE AS AT JUNE 30, 2002

BENEFIT TYPE	AGE GROUP	INSTITUTION TYPE	RECEIVING INDEPENDENT RATE	RECEIVING AWAY FROM HOME RATE
ABSTUDY SCHOOLING A	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	<20	422
		TAFE	<20	<20
		OTHER	<20	38
ABSTUDY	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	427	2729
		TAFE	129	80
		UNIVERSITY	45	51
		OTHER	<20	102
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	118	106
		TAFE	480	166
		UNIVERSITY	449	444
		OTHER	59	52
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	227	0
		TAFE	2910	<20
		UNIVERSITY	2913	27
		OTHER	666	<20
		TOTAL	8423	4217
AUSTUDY	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	538	<20
		TAFE	10412	41
		UNIVERSITY	25205	201
		OTHER	3724	<20
		TOTAL	39879	242
YOUTH ALLOWANCE	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	7991	2930
		TAFE	1955	728
		UNIVERSITY	553	1024
		OTHER	178	168
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	3582	1132
		TAFE	13271	4115
		UNIVERSITY	66667	24938
		OTHER	4595	1672
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	32	<20
		TAFE	791	44
		UNIVERSITY	6018	406
		OTHER	450	34
		TOTAL	106083	37191

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TOTAL ABSTUDY, AUSTUDY & YOUTH ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS AS AT JUNE 30, 2003

BENEFIT TYPE	AGE GROUP	INSTITUTION TYPE	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES (ROUNDED TO NEAREST THOUSAND)
ABSTUDY SCHOOLING A	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	17
		TAFE	<1
		UNIVERSITY	<1
		OTHER	1
ABSTUDY	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	7
		TAFE	<1
		UNIVERSITY	<1
		OTHER	<1
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	1
		TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	1
		OTHER	<1
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	3
		UNIVERSITY	3
		OTHER	1
		TOTAL	35
AUSTUDY	18 TO 24	UNIVERSITY	<1
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	1
		TAFE	9
		UNIVERSITY	24
		OTHER	3
		TOTAL	39
YOUTH ALLOWANCE	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	105
		TAFE	7
		UNIVERSITY	3
		OTHER	1
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	14
		TAFE	32
		UNIVERSITY	128
		OTHER	8
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	6
		OTHER	<1
		TOTAL	310

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AUSTUDY & ABSTUDY RECIPIENTS RECEIVING INDEPENDENT RATE OR AWAY FROM HOME RATE AS AT JUNE 30, 2003

BENEFIT TYPE	AGE GROUP	INSTITUTION TYPE	RECEIVING INDEPENDENT RATE	RECEIVING AWAY FROM HOME
ABSTUDY SCHOOLING A	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	<20	416
		TAFE	0	<20
		UNIVERSITY	0	0
		OTHER	0	59
		SUBTOTAL	<20	475
ABSTUDY	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	490	2829
		TAFE	128	79
		UNIVERSITY	26	46
		OTHER	<20	105
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	144	134
		TAFE	460	153
		UNIVERSITY	444	433
		OTHER	56	61
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	264	<20
		TAFE	2837	<20
		UNIVERSITY	3076	36
		OTHER	575	<20
		SUBTOTAL	8500	3876
		TOTAL	8500	4351
AUSTUDY	18 TO 24	UNIVERSITY	<20	0
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	509	<20
		TAFE	9428	64
		UNIVERSITY	24352	327
		OTHER	3187	25
		TOTAL	37477	416
YOUTH ALLOWANCE	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	8002	2856
		TAFE	1644	576
		UNIVERSITY	494	883
		OTHER	117	107
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	3452	996
		TAFE	12825	3864
		UNIVERSITY	69994	23459
		OTHER	3915	1497
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	37	<20
		TAFE	843	45
		UNIVERSITY	6230	366
		OTHER	417	26
		TOTAL	107970	34675

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TOTAL ABSTUDY, AUSTUDY & YOUTH ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS AS AT JUNE 30, 2004

BENEFIT TYPE	AGE GROUP	INSTITUTION TYPE	TOTAL BENEFICIARIES (ROUNDED TO NEAREST THOUSAND)
ABSTUDY SCHOOLING A	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	17
		TAFE	<1
		UNIVERSITY	<1
		OTHER	<1
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	<1
ABSTUDY	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	7
		TAFE	<1
		UNIVERSITY	<1
		OTHER	<1
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	1
		TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	1
		OTHER	<1
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	2
		UNIVERSITY	3
		OTHER	1
		TOTAL	32
Austudy	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	8
		UNIVERSITY	22
		OTHER	3
		TOTAL	35
YOUTH ALLOWANCE	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	103
		TAFE	6
		UNIVERSITY	3
		OTHER	1
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	14
		TAFE	30
		UNIVERSITY	124
		OTHER	7
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	<1
		TAFE	1
		UNIVERSITY	6
		OTHER	<1
		TOTAL	297

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ABSTUDY, AUSTUDY & YOUTH ALLOWANCE RECIPIENTS RECEIVING INDEPENDENT RATE OR AWAY FROM HOME RATE AS AT JUNE 30, 2004

BENEFIT TYPE	AGE GROUP	INSTITUTION TYPE	RECEIVING INDEPENDENT RATE	RECEIVING AWAY FREOM HOME
ABSTUDY SCHOOLING A	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	<20	431
		TAFE	0	<20
		UNIVERSITY	0	0
		OTHER	0	42
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	0	0
		TAFE	0	0
ABSTUDY	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	531	3045
		TAFE	107	68
		UNIVERSITY	26	33
		OTHER	<20	155
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	160	167
		TAFE	396	116
		UNIVERSITY	431	433
		OTHER	42	56
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	195	0
		TAFE	2333	<20
		UNIVERSITY	2881	36
		OTHER	523	<20
		TOTAL	7625	5055
Austudy	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	414	<20
		TAFE	8024	106
		UNIVERSITY	22408	402
		OTHER	2579	25
		TOTAL	33425	533
YOUTH ALLOWANCE	UNDER 18	SCHOOL	7780	2667
		TAFE	1480	527
		UNIVERSITY	400	816
		OTHER	116	96
	18 TO 24	SCHOOL	3129	904
		TAFE	11782	3482
		UNIVERSITY	70815	21620
		OTHER	3489	1202
	25 AND OLDER	SCHOOL	34	<20
		TAFE	659	26
		UNIVERSITY	6220	357
		OTHER	314	<20
		TOTAL	106218	31697

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