

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY 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. E714_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

How many Youth Allowance recipients (actual recipients and in percentage terms) take advantage of the \$6000 income bank? What is the average amount of credit that students have in their income bank?

Answer:

Youth Allowance (Full-time students)

All recipients of Youth Allowance are eligible for income bank credit.

In June 2006, approximately 210,000, or 78 per cent of all Youth Allowance (full-time students) recipients had at least some income bank credit. The average amount of income bank credit for these recipients was approximately \$2,500.