

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

YOUTH ALLOWANCE DATA

Please provide the following data on Youth Allowance (Other) recipients:

- i. Overall number of YA(O) recipients, by sex and age group (under 18, 18-20, 21 years and over) and Indigenous and disability status
- ii. Number of recipients (disaggregated as above) who are early school leavers
- iii. Distribution of Employment Pathway Plan activities of early school leavers on YA(O) (e.g. vocational training, participation in Stream 4)
- iv. The proportion of early school leavers on YA(O) that, six months after a point in time when they received this payment, transitioned to
 - a. employment and off income support
 - b. full time education or training and off YA(O)
 - c. other income support payments
 - d. other destinations
- v. A breakdown of types and durations of education and training courses undertaken by early school leavers on YA(O), including those who transferred to YA(student) and the proportion that successfully completed each type of course

Answer

- i. Overall number of Youth Allowance (other) recipients, by sex and age group (under 18, 18-20, 21 years and over) and Indigenous and disability status*
ii. Number of recipients (disaggregated as above) who are early school leavers

Table 1 : Youth Allowance (other) recipients as at end September 2010

	Early School Leavers			Not Early School Leavers			Total
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	
Total	21827	27787	49614	16098	14427	30525	80139
Age Group							
Aged Under 18	6736	7174	13910	1166	914	2080	15990
Aged 18 - 20	15091	20613	35704	14932	13513	28445	64149
Aged 21 and Over	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Indigenous							
Indigenous	4458	5665	10123	1574	1534	3108	13231
Non indigenous	17369	22122	39491	14524	12893	27417	66908
Disability status							
Partial Capacity to Work 0-14 Hours/Week	139	258	397	56	70	126	523
Partial Capacity to Work 15-22 Hours/Week	519	667	1186	199	195	394	1580
Partial Capacity to Work 23-29 Hours/Week	623	811	1434	305	273	578	2012
Capacity to Work 30+ Hours/Week	20546	26051	46597	15538	13889	29427	76024

Notes:

This data is based on recipients of Youth Allowance who are determined to be current (i.e. entitled to be paid) on the Centrelink payment system and are not a Fulltime Student or Apprentice.

Indigenous recipients include only those who have voluntarily identified as indigenous. This data may therefore represent an undercount.

Source: Centrelink Administrative Data - DEEWR Blue Book dataset, and DEEWR Administrative Data.

iii. Distribution of Employment Pathway Plan activities of early school leavers on Youth Allowance (other) (e.g. vocational training, participation in Stream 4)

As at end September 2010:

- around 23 per cent of Early School Leavers were in Stream 4 services with Job Services Australia providers
- approximately 19 per cent of Early School Leaver Employment Pathway Plans included full-time or part-time study at an accredited institution
- around 12 per cent of Early School Leaver Employment Pathway Plans include participation in suitable programs including the Adult Migrant English Program, Australian Apprenticeship Access Program, Community Development Employment Project – Work Readiness Service Stream, the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program, the National Green Jobs Corps, New Enterprise Incentive Scheme training, Youth Connections or work for the dole or green corps activities
- around 34 per cent of Early School Leaver Employment Pathway Plans included descriptions of a range of different activities such as attendance at state-based programs, provider-based training, drug and alcohol counselling, relationship counselling, and obtaining driver's licence
- approximately 6 per cent of Early School Leavers were temporarily exempt from participation requirements
- approximately 3 per cent were participating in Disability Employment Services
- around 3 per cent had employment or work experience activities.

iv. The proportion of early school leavers on Youth Allowance (other) that, six months after a point in time when they received this payment, transitioned to (a) employment and off income support (b) full time education or training and off Youth Allowance (other) (c) other income support payments (d) other destinations

The requested information will be included in the evaluation, which is expected to be completed in the second half of 2011, of the Early School Leaver changes to Youth Allowance as part of the Compact with Young Australians. Preliminary analysis of administrative data for Early School Leavers who were granted Youth Allowance (other) between 1 July 2009 and 30 September 2009 indicates that six months after being granted payment almost half of them were receiving Youth Allowance (other), approximately one-third had left income support and the remainder were receiving a different income support payment.

v. A breakdown of types and durations of education and training courses undertaken by early school leavers on Youth Allowance (other), including those who transferred to YA(student) and the proportion that successfully completed each type of course

The information requested is not readily available. The evaluation of the Compact with Young Australians will include analysis of Early School Leaver education and training.