

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

DEEWR Question No.EW0186_12

Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

Inner Regional Students Receiving the Full Rate of Dependent Youth Allowance

The Minister states DEEWR data shows the number of inner regional students receiving the full rate of dependent youth allowance increased by 2239, or 42 per cent.

- How many of the 2239 inner regional students getting maximum dependent youth allowance now were existing youth allowance recipients?
- How many are new youth allowance recipients?

Answer

The 2239 figure is the difference between the end of March 2010 and end of March 2011 figures for dependent inner regional higher education Youth Allowance students who were eligible to receive the maximum payment based on the Parental Income Test(PIT) or exemption from the PIT because of low family income. It is therefore not possible to provide a breakdown of this figure at the level of each Youth Allowance recipient.