

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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

Outcome 3 – Tertiary, Skills, International and Indigenous Strategy

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Senator Scullion provided in writing.

Question

Breakdown of ABSTUDY recipients by sector.

Can we get a break down of ABSTUDY payments by student number by course description?
i.e. number VET, undergraduate, post graduate, PhD?

Answer

The table below shows the number of ABSTUDY recipients in the Higher Education and Vocational Education and Training (VET) sectors by course level as at 26 August 2011.

Course Level	ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)	ABSTUDY (other)
VET (Australian Apprentice)	221	495
VET (Other students)	2191	2158
Higher Education (Undergraduate)	2490	1436
Higher Education (Masters and Doctorate)	170	135
Total	5072	4224

Source: Department of Human Services (Centrelink) administrative data