

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Youth Allowance

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Question:

- a) How many recipients of the Youth Allowance were there in 2011-12? Please break this down by state and territory.
- b) What was the total expenditure on the Youth Allowance in 2011-12 on a state and territory basis?
- c) How much was the Youth Allowance as a percentage of the total Centrelink budget?

Answer:

- a) Recipients of Youth Allowance as at 29 June 2012:

State	Youth Allowance (other)	Youth Allowance (Full Time Students / Apprentices)
Australian Capital Territory	653	4,970
New South Wales	24,708	88,940
Northern Territory	1,786	533
Queensland	22,610	44,943
South Australia	7,485	22,531
Tasmania	3,071	7,108
Victoria	16,573	83,236
Western Australia	6,863	18,652
Unknown	53	559
Total	83,802	271,472

- b) The total value of payments made by the Department of Human Services for Youth Allowance in 2011-12 was \$743,638,000. Payment data is not readily held in a format that enables a state and territory breakup and to compile this information would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- c) Youth Allowance represents 0.75 per cent of the third party payments made by the Department of Human Services from and on behalf of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education, the Attorney-General's Department, the Department of Infrastructure and Transport, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in regard to the Centrelink Master Program as detailed in the Human Services Portfolio Budget Statements 2012-13 (Budget Related Paper No. 1.11 page 17).