

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
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**Outcome Number:** 1

**Question No:** 563

**Topic:** Characteristics of Income Support recipients

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

Please provide an update to QON 2013-14, Supplementary Estimates Hearings, Question No. 224.

**Answer:**

**Attachment A** provides the number of Youth Allowance (other) and Youth Allowance (student) recipients as at June 2014 according to the breakdown requested.

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**Attachment A**

<b>Youth Allowance (other) by Age and Member of a Couple Status – June 2014</b>			
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 Years</b>
Partnered	534	5,416	2,435
Single	11,205	73,135	21,263
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>78,551</b>	<b>23,698</b>

<b>Youth Allowance (other) by Age and At Home or Away from Home Rates – June 2014</b>			
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 Years</b>
At home	6,527	45,425	10,743
Away from home	5,212	33,126	12,955
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>78,551</b>	<b>23,698</b>

<b>Youth Allowance (other) by Age and Rate of Payment – June 2014</b>			
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 Years</b>
Receiving maximum rate of payment	10,174	63,447	19,193
Not receiving maximum rate of payment	1,565	15,104	4,505
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>78,551</b>	<b>23,698</b>

<b>Youth Allowance (other) by Age and Parental Income Test – June 2014</b>			
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 Years</b>
Not subject to Parental Income Test (independent)	5,144	33,115	13,600
Exemption from Parental Income Test	4,829	29,939	6,590
Subject to Parental Income Test	1,766	15,497	3,508
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>78,551</b>	<b>23,698</b>

<b>Youth Allowance (other) by Age and Indigenous Status – June 2014</b>			
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 Years</b>
Indigenous	2,834	11,627	3,316
Not indigenous	8,905	66,924	20,382
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>78,551</b>	<b>23,698</b>

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<b>Youth Allowance (other) by Age and Partial Capacity to Work – June 2014</b>			
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 Years</b>
Assessed partial capacity to work (0 to 29 hours per week)	716	6,058	2,402
Assessed capacity to work 30 hours per week or more	2,354	10,723	3,155
No capacity to work assessment conducted	8,669	61,770	18,141
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>78,551</b>	<b>23,698</b>

<b>Youth Allowance (other) by Age and State or Territory – as June 2014</b>			
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 Years</b>
New South Wales	2,986	23,217	6,755
Victoria	1,558	16,654	5,674
Queensland	4,424	20,010	5,518
South Australia	583	7,060	2,254
Western Australia	1,369	6,513	1,914
Tasmania	316	2,828	828
Northern Territory	421	1,502	497
Australian Capital Territory	81	760	256
Unknown	1	7	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,739</b>	<b>78,551</b>	<b>23,698</b>

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If a person is undertaking full-time study and was in receipt of Youth Allowance (Student) immediately before (i.e. the day before) their 25th birthday for that course of study they will continue to qualify for Youth Allowance (Student) until they finish the course of study.

<b>Youth Allowance (student) by Age and Member of a Couple Status – June 2014</b>				
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 years</b>	<b>Aged 25 years and over</b>
Partnered	196	2,192	5,179	904
Single	10,780	106,719	97,994	10,660
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,976</b>	<b>108,911</b>	<b>103,173</b>	<b>11,564</b>

<b>Youth Allowance (student) by Age and At Home or Away from Home Rates– June 2014</b>				
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 years</b>	<b>Aged 25 years and over</b>
At home	4,115	70,682	46,085	2,869
Away from home	6,861	38,229	57,088	8,695
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,976</b>	<b>108,911</b>	<b>103,173</b>	<b>11,564</b>

<b>Youth Allowance (student) by Age and Rate of Payment – June 2014</b>				
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 years</b>	<b>Aged 25 years and over</b>
Receiving maximum rate of payment	9,256	73,072	81,571	9,866
Not receiving maximum rate of payment	1,720	35,839	21,602	1,698
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,976</b>	<b>108,911</b>	<b>103,173</b>	<b>11,564</b>

<b>Youth Allowance (student) by Age and Parental Income Test – June 2014</b>				
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 years</b>	<b>Aged 25 years and over</b>
Not subject to Parental Income Test (independent)	5,239	14,846	82,764	11,564
Exemption from Parental Income Test	2,948	40,125	8,399	-
Subject to Parental Income Test	2,789	53,940	12,010	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,976</b>	<b>108,911</b>	<b>103,173</b>	<b>11,564</b>

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<b>Youth Allowance (student) by Age and Indigenous Status – June 2014</b>				
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 years</b>	<b>Aged 25 years and over</b>
Indigenous	620	912	392	30
Not indigenous	10,356	107,999	102,781	11,534
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,976</b>	<b>108,911</b>	<b>103,173</b>	<b>11,564</b>

<b>Youth Allowance (student) by Age and Partial Capacity to Work – 27 June 2014</b>				
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 years</b>	<b>Aged 25 years and over</b>
Assessed partial capacity to work (0 to 29 hours per week)	105	592	582	75
Assessed capacity to work 30 hours per week or more	274	1,167	814	64
No capacity to work assessment conducted	10,597	107,152	101,777	11,425
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,976</b>	<b>108,911</b>	<b>103,173</b>	<b>11,564</b>

<b>Youth Allowance (student) by Age and State or Territory – 27 June 2014</b>				
	<b>Aged 16 to 17 years</b>	<b>Aged 18 to 20 years</b>	<b>Aged 21 to 24 years</b>	<b>Aged 25 years and over</b>
New South Wales	2,683	35,729	32,544	3,463
Victoria	1,789	34,330	33,054	3,574
Queensland	3,568	18,760	17,141	2,142
South Australia	906	8,983	8,083	977
Western Australia	1,406	6,975	7,265	893
Tasmania	453	2,263	2,217	203
Northern Territory	47	133	156	33
Australian Capital Territory	122	1,677	2,394	256
Unknown	2	61	319	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,976</b>	<b>108,911</b>	<b>103,173</b>	<b>11,564</b>

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract)