

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments

Question No: SQ15-000856

Topic: Characteristics of Income Support recipients

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Update 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 2015 according to the breakdown requested.

In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than twenty are reported as "<20" and other data that would allow these populations to be derived are not provided "np".

Attachment A

Youth Allowance (other) by Age and Member of a Couple Status					
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Total
Partnered	<20	np	4,572	2,214	7,136
Single	<20	np	73,494	22,353	105,484
Total	<20	np	78,066	24,567	112,620

Youth Allowance (other) by Age and At Home or Away from Home Rates					
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Total
At home	0	5,270	44,833	11,088	61,191
Away from home	<20	np	33,233	13,479	51,429
Total	<20	np	78,066	24,567	112,620

Youth Allowance (other) by Age and Rate of Payment					
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Total
Receiving maximum rate of payment	<20	np	63,514	19,988	92,282
Not receiving maximum rate of payment	<20	np	14,552	4,579	20,338
Total	<20	np	78,066	24,567	112,620

Youth Allowance (other) by Age and Parental Income Test					
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Total
Not subject to Parental Income Test (independent)	<20	np	32,974	13,929	51,512
Exemption from Parental Income Test	0	4,192	30,188	7,109	41,489
Subject to Parental Income Test	0	1,186	14,904	3,529	19,619
Total	<20	np	78,066	24,567	112,620

Youth Allowance (other) by Age and Indigenous Status					
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Total
Indigenous	<20	np	12,253	3,483	18,285
Not indigenous	<20	np	65,813	21,084	94,335
Total	<20	np	78,066	24,567	112,620

Youth Allowance (other) by Age and Partial Capacity to Work					
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Total
Assessed partial capacity to work (0 to 29 hours per week)	0	638	6,530	2,705	9,873
Assessed capacity to work 30 hours per week or more	<20	np	9,352	2,629	13,880
No capacity to work assessment conducted	<20	np	62,184	19,233	88,867
Total	<20	np	78,066	24,567	112,620

Youth Allowance (other) by Age and State or Territory					
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Total
New South Wales	0	2,557	22,679	6,841	32,077
Victoria	<20	np	16,263	5,842	23,311
Queensland	<20	np	20,470	5,968	30,614
South Australia	0	426	6,832	2,283	9,541
Western Australia	0	975	6,690	2,036	9,701
Tasmania	0	197	2,841	873	3,911
Northern Territory	0	389	1,493	481	2,363
Australian Capital Territory	0	59	787	238	1,084
Unknown	0	2	11	5	18
Total	<20	np	78,066	24,567	112,620

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.

Youth Allowance (student) by Age and Member of a Couple Status						
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Aged 25 years and over	Total
Partnered	0	132	2,088	5,261	980	8,461
Single	37	10,029	104,810	96,367	11,314	222,557
Total	37	10,161	106,898	101,628	12,294	231,018

Youth Allowance (student) by Age and At Home or Away from Home Rates						
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Aged 25 years and over	Total
At home	0	3,603	70,081	46,150	3,206	123,040
Away from home	37	6,558	36,817	55,478	9,088	107,978
Total	37	10,161	106,898	101,628	12,294	231,018

Youth Allowance (student) by Age and Rate of Payment						
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Aged 25 years and over	Total
Receiving maximum rate of payment	37	8,452	69,827	79,010	10,171	167,497
Not receiving maximum rate of payment	0	1,709	37,071	22,618	2,123	63,521
Total	37	10,161	106,898	101,628	12,294	231,018

Youth Allowance (student) by Age and Parental Income Test						
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Aged 25 years and over	Total
Not subject to Parental Income Test (independent)	37	5,108	14,346	80,923	12,294	112,708
Exemption from Parental Income Test	0	2,783	40,252	8,861	0	51,896
Subject to Parental Income Test	0	2,270	52,300	11,844	0	66,414
Total	37	10,161	106,898	101,628	12,294	231,018

Youth Allowance (student) by Age and Indigenous Status						
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Aged 25 years and over	Total
Indigenous	<20	730	1,185	533	np	2,491
Not indigenous	np	9,431	105,713	101,095	np	228,527
Total	37	10,161	106,898	101,628	12,294	231,018

Youth Allowance (student) by Age and Partial Capacity to Work						
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Aged 25 years and over	Total
Assessed partial capacity to work (0 to 29 hours per week)	<20	110	617	730	np	1,531
Assessed capacity to work 30 hours per week or more	0	246	993	788	58	2,085
No capacity to work assessment conducted	np	9,805	105,288	100,110	np	227,402
Total	37	10,161	106,898	101,628	12,294	231,018

Youth Allowance (student) by Age and State or Territory						
	Aged 15 years	Aged 16 to 17 years	Aged 18 to 20 years	Aged 21 to 24 years	Aged 25 years and over	Total
New South Wales	0	2,581	34,279	31,689	3,648	72,197
Victoria	<20	np	33,955	32,824	3,956	72,464
Queensland	np	np	18,753	17,064	2,192	41,634
South Australia	0	922	9,097	8,399	998	19,416
Western Australia	0	790	6,855	6,885	973	15,503
Tasmania	0	415	2,183	2,084	205	4,887
Northern Territory	0	35	131	174	25	365
Australian Capital Territory	0	100	1,591	2,219	276	4,186
Unknown	0	1	54	290	21	366
Total	37	10,161	106,898	101,628	12,294	231,018

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data as at 26 June 2015