

**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: SQ15-000983**

**Topic: Youth Allowance**

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**Senator Bridget McKenzie asked:**

How many rural and regional young people are on independent youth allowance, and how much does that cost?

**Answer:**

As at June 2015, there were 24,290 independent Youth Allowance recipients living in regional and remote Australia.

The Department is unable to provide data on the cost of recipients broken down to this level of detail.