

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

**Outcome Number: 1.11 Student Payments**

**Question No: SQ15-000992**

**Topic: Youth Allowance**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert** asked:

For 2014-15:

- a) How many Youth Allowance claims for Unreasonable to Live at Home were lodged?
- b) How many of these UTLAH claims were rejected?
- c) Provide details of claims, and rejections by the following characteristics: age, gender, state and territory and Indigenous/non-Indigenous status
- d) Provide details of a breakdown of how many rejections were appealed, to each level of review and the outcome of the appeals.
- e) How many people were receiving UTLAH YA? Provide a breakdown by age, gender, Indigenous status, and gender.

**Answer:**

**Attachment A** provides data on Youth Allowance claims for Unreasonable to Live at Home (UTLAH) 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**

<b>a) and b) Youth Allowance claims UTLAH – by outcome</b>	
<b>UTLAH Outcome</b>	<b>Total</b>
Granted	21,048
Rejected	11,907
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>32,955</b>

<b>c) Youth Allowance claims for UTLAH – by outcome and age</b>											
<b>UTLAH Outcome</b>	<b>Age (yrs) at assessment date</b>										<b>Total</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	
Granted	172	3,765	4,615	4,489	3,591	2,641	1,774	<20	<20	<20	<b>21,048</b>
Rejected	43	1,162	1,577	3,252	2,548	1,887	1,420	<20	<20	<20	<b>11,907</b>
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>4,927</b>	<b>6,192</b>	<b>7,741</b>	<b>6,139</b>	<b>4,528</b>	<b>3,194</b>	<b>&lt;20</b>	<b>&lt;20</b>	<b>&lt;20</b>	<b>32,955</b>

<b>c) Youth Allowance claims for UTLAH – by outcome and gender</b>					
<b>UTLAH Outcome</b>	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>		<b>Total</b>
Granted	9,935		11,113		<b>21,048</b>
Rejected	5,443		6,464		<b>11,907</b>
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>15,378</b>		<b>17,577</b>		<b>32,955</b>

<b>c) Youth Allowance claims for UTLAH – by outcome and State</b>									
<b>UTLAH Outcome</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Tas</b>	<b>Vic</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>Total</b>
Granted	231	5,888	161	5,910	1,908	793	4,188	1,969	<b>21,048</b>
Rejected	156	3,406	88	3,171	1,067	403	2,470	1,146	<b>11,907</b>
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>9,294</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>9,081</b>	<b>2,975</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>6,658</b>	<b>3,115</b>	<b>32,955</b>

<b>c) Youth Allowance claims for UTLAH – by outcome and State</b>					
<b>UTLAH Outcome</b>	<b>Indigenous</b>		<b>Non-Indigenous</b>		<b>Total</b>
Granted	2,812		18,236		<b>21,048</b>
Rejected	1,258		10,649		<b>11,907</b>
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>4,070</b>		<b>28,885</b>		<b>32,955</b>

<b>d) UTLAH Youth Allowance appeals 2014-15 – DHS Review Officer appeals received by decision</b>	
<b>Appeal Decision Classification</b>	<b>DHS Review Officer</b>
Affirmed	340
Dismissed/No Jurisdiction	<20
Set Aside	262
Varied	<20
Withdrawn	98
<b>Appeals Received</b>	<b>715</b>

<b>d) UTLAH Youth Allowance appeals 2014-15 – Social Security Appeals Tribunal appeals received by decision</b>	
<b>Appeal Decision Classification</b>	<b>Social Security Appeals Tribunal</b>
Affirmed	24
Dismissed/No Jurisdiction	<20
Set Aside	18
Withdrawn	<20
<b>Appeals Received</b>	<b>51</b>

<b>d) UTLAH Youth Allowance appeals 2014-15 – Administrative Appeals Tribunal appeals received by decision</b>	
<b>Appeal Decision Classification</b>	<b>Administrative Appeals Tribunal (customer applications)</b>
Withdrawn	<20
Settled/Decision by Consent	<20
Awaiting Decision	<20
<b>Appeals Received</b>	<b>&lt;20</b>

<b>e) Youth Allowance recipients with a independence reason of UTLAH by Age - as at June 2015</b>					
<b>Recipient Age</b>	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Indigenous</b>	<b>Non-Indigenous</b>	<b>Indigenous</b>	<b>Non-Indigenous</b>	
<b>15</b>	<20	<20	<20	29	<b>60</b>
<b>16</b>	np	np	np	1125	<b>2,185</b>
<b>17</b>	368	1716	459	2713	<b>5,273</b>
<b>18</b>	595	2817	616	3914	<b>7,960</b>
<b>19</b>	665	3597	655	4345	<b>9,281</b>
<b>20</b>	610	3776	559	4138	<b>9,103</b>
<b>21</b>	582	3623	420	3623	<b>8,269</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,997</b>	<b>16,172</b>	<b>2,949</b>	<b>19,887</b>	<b>42,005</b>

Source:

Tables a-d – Department of Human Services administrative data (DHS extract)

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Note: Some appeals received by SSAT/AAT in 2014-15 may have been decided by DHS prior to 2014-15.