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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.11 Student Payments

Question No: SQ16-000352

Topic: Legislation Amendment

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

- a) How many students will now automatically receive health care cards, by payment type, state and electorate?
- b) What is the average income of an independent Youth Allowance/Austudy recipient?
- c) How many independent Youth Allowance/Austudy recipients have partners also in receipt of income support?
- d) Please provide the number of independent Youth Allowance/Austudy recipients by electorate, by state.
- e) Please provide the number of dependent Youth Allowance recipients by electorate, by state.

Answer:

Attachment A provides the number of Youth Allowance (student and apprentice) and Austudy recipients as at June 2016 according to the breakdown requested.

In regards to question a), under the current rules, recipients of Youth Allowance (student), Austudy payment and ABSTUDY (living allowance) are the only income support recipients not to qualify for an automatic issue Health Care Card (HCC). Instead, students can make a claim for a low income HCC and are subject to an income test to determine their eligibility for that card. This process is burdensome for students and costly to administer. The Social Services Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Student Payments) Bill 2016 (the measure), which is currently before Parliament, will simplify the payment system by ensuring that all income support recipients access an automatic issue HCC.

If the measure is passed, an estimated additional 4,000 recipients of student payments each year will receive a HCC from 1 January 2019. These students are currently not eligible for a low income HCC. In addition, all students who currently need to apply for a low income HCC will receive an automatic issue HCC. A breakdown by payment, state or electorate is not available.

Table b) Independent Youth Allowance (students) and Austudy recipients by average income from employment and other sources - as at June 2016	
Payment Type	Average Income (fortnight)
Austudy	\$225.87
Youth Allowance (students and apprentices)	\$245.37

Table c) Independent Youth Allowance (students) and Austudy recipients with a partner in receipt of income support - as at June 2016	
Payment Type	Recipients
Austudy	6,466
Youth Allowance (students and apprentices)	4,081

Table d – part 1) Independent Youth Allowance (students) and Austudy recipients by Electorate - as at June 2016			
State	Electorate	Austudy	Youth Allowance (students and apprentices)
New South Wales	Banks	208	573
New South Wales	Barton	243	462
New South Wales	Bennelong	315	879
New South Wales	Berowra	189	576
New South Wales	Blaxland	432	894
New South Wales	Bradfield	179	687
New South Wales	Calare	225	810
New South Wales	Charlton	240	540
New South Wales	Chifley	331	665
New South Wales	Cook	187	450
New South Wales	Cowper	271	514
New South Wales	Cunningham	402	1288
New South Wales	Dobell	262	577

Table d – part 1) Independent Youth Allowance (students) and Austudy recipients by Electorate - as at June 2016

State	Electorate	Austudy	Youth Allowance (students and apprentices)
New South Wales	Eden-Monaro	172	448
New South Wales	Farrer	181	681
New South Wales	Fowler	282	851
New South Wales	Gilmore	238	481
New South Wales	Grayndler	611	1270
New South Wales	Greenway	235	515
New South Wales	Hughes	187	479
New South Wales	Hume	163	454
New South Wales	Hunter	158	362
New South Wales	Kingsford Smith	305	917
New South Wales	Lindsay	261	488
New South Wales	Lyne	217	487
New South Wales	Macarthur	236	498
New South Wales	Mackellar	154	404
New South Wales	Macquarie	263	492
New South Wales	McMahon	266	640
New South Wales	Mitchell	231	495
New South Wales	New England	193	785
New South Wales	Newcastle	567	1,687
New South Wales	North Sydney	193	680
New South Wales	Page	368	540
New South Wales	Parkes	88	497
New South Wales	Parramatta	469	793
New South Wales	Paterson	166	356
New South Wales	Reid	414	815
New South Wales	Richmond	590	542
New South Wales	Riverina	172	865
New South Wales	Robertson	278	566
New South Wales	Shortland	183	427
New South Wales	Sydney	612	1,323
New South Wales	Throsby	187	434
New South Wales	Warringah	181	441
New South Wales	Watson	444	761
New South Wales	Wentworth	329	680
New South Wales	Werriwa	266	607
Victoria	Aston	238	653
Victoria	Ballarat	433	1,158
Victoria	Batman	957	1,521
Victoria	Bendigo	329	914
Victoria	Bruce	325	932
Victoria	Calwell	344	923

Table d – part 1) Independent Youth Allowance (students) and Austudy recipients by Electorate - as at June 2016

State	Electorate	Austudy	Youth Allowance (students and apprentices)
Victoria	Casey	248	466
Victoria	Chisholm	420	1,182
Victoria	Corangamite	325	953
Victoria	Corio	352	825
Victoria	Deakin	313	686
Victoria	Dunkley	307	637
Victoria	Flinders	220	457
Victoria	Gellibrand	667	1,163
Victoria	Gippsland	181	560
Victoria	Goldstein	245	791
Victoria	Gorton	366	824
Victoria	Higgins	411	1,165
Victoria	Holt	384	891
Victoria	Hotham	287	775
Victoria	Indi	152	571
Victoria	Isaacs	259	660
Victoria	Jagajaga	330	809
Victoria	Kooyong	383	1,363
Victoria	La Trobe	246	638
Victoria	Lalor	445	868
Victoria	Mallee	127	551
Victoria	Maribyrnong	471	1,074
Victoria	McEwen	311	732
Victoria	McMillan	275	563
Victoria	Melbourne	1,179	2,505
Victoria	Melbourne Ports	549	1,091
Victoria	Menzies	217	688
Victoria	Murray	148	665
Victoria	Scullin	311	868
Victoria	Wannon	185	614
Victoria	Wills	946	1,640
Queensland	Blair	352	533
Queensland	Bonner	304	642
Queensland	Bowman	243	388
Queensland	Brisbane	633	1,539
Queensland	Capricornia	181	352
Queensland	Dawson	150	370
Queensland	Dickson	264	417
Queensland	Fadden	456	801
Queensland	Fairfax	525	727
Queensland	Fisher	447	613

Table d – part 1) Independent Youth Allowance (students) and Austudy recipients by Electorate - as at June 2016

State	Electorate	Austudy	Youth Allowance (students and apprentices)
Queensland	Flynn	120	234
Queensland	Forde	348	486
Queensland	Griffith	624	1,455
Queensland	Groom	323	553
Queensland	Herbert	427	904
Queensland	Hinkler	314	415
Queensland	Kennedy	130	240
Queensland	Leichhardt	377	506
Queensland	Lilley	362	719
Queensland	Longman	338	491
Queensland	Maranoa	153	358
Queensland	McPherson	483	755
Queensland	Moncrieff	645	1,091
Queensland	Moreton	534	1,210
Queensland	Oxley	331	686
Queensland	Petrie	298	454
Queensland	Rankin	442	685
Queensland	Ryan	519	1,548
Queensland	Wide Bay	326	377
Queensland	Wright	263	442
Western Australia	Brand	272	403
Western Australia	Canning	268	425
Western Australia	Cowan	212	480
Western Australia	Curtin	398	1,062
Western Australia	Durack	95	223
Western Australia	Forrest	176	469
Western Australia	Fremantle	399	755
Western Australia	Hasluck	281	489
Western Australia	Moore	257	596
Western Australia	O'Connor	107	389
Western Australia	Pearce	226	429
Western Australia	Perth	415	758
Western Australia	Stirling	328	600
Western Australia	Swan	453	1,197
Western Australia	Tangney	248	750
South Australia	Adelaide	675	1,637
South Australia	Barker	178	623
South Australia	Boothby	504	1,170
South Australia	Grey	109	385
South Australia	Hindmarsh	493	1,081
South Australia	Kingston	433	749

Table d – part 1) Independent Youth Allowance (students) and Austudy recipients by Electorate - as at June 2016

State	Electorate	Austudy	Youth Allowance (students and apprentices)
South Australia	Makin	335	708
South Australia	Mayo	288	516
South Australia	Port Adelaide	442	941
South Australia	Sturt	450	897
South Australia	Wakefield	414	788
Tasmania	Bass	320	655
Tasmania	Braddon	158	343
Tasmania	Denison	412	949
Tasmania	Franklin	205	395
Tasmania	Lyons	134	271
Northern Territory	Lingiari	38	119
Northern Territory	Solomon	124	215
Australian Capital Territory	Canberra	209	576
Australian Capital Territory	Fraser	468	1416
Unknown	Unknown	244	905
Total		48,910	109,407

Note: Commonwealth Electoral Divisions are based on the recipient's geo-coded address against the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2013.

Table d – part 2) Independent Youth Allowance (students) and Austudy recipients by State - as at June 2016

State	Austudy	Youth Allowance (students and apprentices)
New South Wales	13,386	31,885
Victoria	13,925	33,524
Queensland	10,958	20,064
Western Australia	4,152	9,077
South Australia	4,344	9,534
Tasmania	1,232	2,637
Northern Territory	162	341
Australian Capital Territory	678	1,984
Unknown	73	361
Total	48,910	109,407

Table e – part 1) Dependent Youth Allowance (student) recipients by Electorate - as at June 2016

State	Electorate	Youth Allowance (students and apprentices)
New South Wales	Banks	1,226
New South Wales	Barton	965
New South Wales	Bennelong	955
New South Wales	Berowra	506
New South Wales	Blaxland	2,353
New South Wales	Bradfield	452
New South Wales	Calare	631
New South Wales	Charlton	465
New South Wales	Chifley	1,427
New South Wales	Cook	386
New South Wales	Cowper	825
New South Wales	Cunningham	806
New South Wales	Dobell	591
New South Wales	Eden-Monaro	442
New South Wales	Farrer	615
New South Wales	Fowler	2,616
New South Wales	Gilmore	590
New South Wales	Grayndler	570
New South Wales	Greenway	925
New South Wales	Hughes	777
New South Wales	Hume	463
New South Wales	Hunter	435
New South Wales	Kingsford Smith	597
New South Wales	Lindsay	642
New South Wales	Lyne	763
New South Wales	Macarthur	754
New South Wales	Mackellar	338
New South Wales	Macquarie	540
New South Wales	McMahon	1,601
New South Wales	Mitchell	610
New South Wales	New England	680
New South Wales	Newcastle	704
New South Wales	North Sydney	349
New South Wales	Page	737
New South Wales	Parkes	473
New South Wales	Parramatta	1,430
New South Wales	Paterson	494
New South Wales	Reid	1,268
New South Wales	Richmond	707
New South Wales	Riverina	617

Table e – part 1) Dependent Youth Allowance (student) recipients by Electorate - as at June 2016

State	Electorate	Youth Allowance (students and apprentices)
New South Wales	Robertson	580
New South Wales	Shortland	454
New South Wales	Sydney	464
New South Wales	Throsby	605
New South Wales	Warringah	279
New South Wales	Watson	2,016
New South Wales	Wentworth	208
New South Wales	Werriwa	1,352
Victoria	Aston	900
Victoria	Ballarat	966
Victoria	Batman	984
Victoria	Bendigo	896
Victoria	Bruce	1,408
Victoria	Calwell	1,988
Victoria	Casey	740
Victoria	Chisholm	976
Victoria	Corangamite	840
Victoria	Corio	852
Victoria	Deakin	812
Victoria	Dunkley	666
Victoria	Flinders	635
Victoria	Gellibrand	1,167
Victoria	Gippsland	717
Victoria	Goldstein	401
Victoria	Gorton	1,696
Victoria	Higgins	427
Victoria	Holt	1,788
Victoria	Hotham	1,252
Victoria	Indi	746
Victoria	Isaacs	1,070
Victoria	Jagajaga	692
Victoria	Kooyong	524
Victoria	La Trobe	863
Victoria	Lalor	1,492
Victoria	Mallee	1,019
Victoria	Maribyrnong	1,489
Victoria	McEwen	1,174
Victoria	McMillan	892
Victoria	Melbourne	1,025
Victoria	Melbourne Ports	397

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State	Electorate	Youth Allowance (students and apprentices)
Victoria	Menzies	818
Victoria	Murray	942
Victoria	Scullin	1,431
Victoria	Wannon	793
Victoria	Wills	981
Queensland	Blair	622
Queensland	Bonner	718
Queensland	Bowman	540
Queensland	Brisbane	619
Queensland	Capricornia	352
Queensland	Dawson	359
Queensland	Dickson	565
Queensland	Fadden	891
Queensland	Fairfax	846
Queensland	Fisher	743
Queensland	Flynn	386
Queensland	Forde	711
Queensland	Griffith	755
Queensland	Groom	683
Queensland	Herbert	607
Queensland	Hinkler	642
Queensland	Kennedy	447
Queensland	Leichhardt	603
Queensland	Lilley	625
Queensland	Longman	674
Queensland	Maranoa	546
Queensland	McPherson	800
Queensland	Moncrieff	820
Queensland	Moreton	1,206
Queensland	Oxley	1,083
Queensland	Petrie	622
Queensland	Rankin	1,136
Queensland	Ryan	753
Queensland	Wide Bay	781
Queensland	Wright	634
Western Australia	Brand	462
Western Australia	Canning	452
Western Australia	Cowan	763
Western Australia	Curtin	272
Western Australia	Durack	206

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State	Electorate	Youth Allowance (students and apprentices)
Western Australia	Forrest	413
Western Australia	Fremantle	447
Western Australia	Hasluck	636
Western Australia	Moore	471
Western Australia	O'Connor	325
Western Australia	Pearce	499
Western Australia	Perth	599
Western Australia	Stirling	657
Western Australia	Swan	643
Western Australia	Tangney	588
South Australia	Adelaide	928
South Australia	Barker	627
South Australia	Boothby	789
South Australia	Grey	508
South Australia	Hindmarsh	858
South Australia	Kingston	801
South Australia	Makin	958
South Australia	Mayo	571
South Australia	Port Adelaide	1,489
South Australia	Sturt	837
South Australia	Wakefield	1,161
Tasmania	Bass	557
Tasmania	Braddon	496
Tasmania	Denison	574
Tasmania	Franklin	475
Tasmania	Lyons	406
Northern Territory	Lingiari	85
Northern Territory	Solomon	175
Australian Capital Territory	Canberra	352
Australian Capital Territory	Fraser	662
Unknown	Unknown	855
Total		117,108

Note: Commonwealth Electoral Divisions are based on the recipient's geo-coded address against the Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) 2013.

Table e – part 2) Dependent Youth Allowance (student) recipients by State - as at June 2016	
State	Youth Allowance (students and apprentices)
New South Wales	38,473
Victoria	36,537
Queensland	20,866
Western Australia	7,466
South Australia	9,563
Tasmania	2,540
Northern Territory	272
Australian Capital Territory	993
Unknown	398
Total	117,108

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