

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 3 - Employment**

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**Senator Cash asked on 4 June 2013, Hansard page 57**

**Question**

**Youth allowance recipients - participation in education or training full time and newly arrived migrants**

Senator CASH: In relation to those recipients, how many of the recipients participated in education or training full time? Ms Drayton: Sorry, we might take that on notice. Ms Taylor: I have a bit. Ms Drayton: Okay. Ms Taylor: This may go to some of it. The early school leaver proportion of the youth allowance (other) is 44,484. The early school leavers are not allowed to be engaged in job search, they have to be engaged in full-time study, training or activities that help them in that way. They represent about 38 per cent of the youth allowance (other) population. Senator CASH: This is the breakdown I was looking for, and tell me where those figures fit in with what I was looking for: to participate in education or training full time, which is part of what you have given me, and to participate in part-time study or training while working to attain the year 12 or equivalent qualification. Ms Drayton: Yes. That is the early school leavers. Senator CASH: How many of these recipients were newly arrived migrants? Mr Emerson: We would have to take that on notice.

**Answer**

As at 29 March 2013, of the 40 484 early school leavers who were engaged in full-time study, training, other approved activities or temporarily exempted from participation requirements, 1027 of these were newly arrived migrants (i.e. not Australian Citizens and with less than 104 weeks of qualifying residence).