

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Youth Allowance

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Nash

**QUESTION No.:** AI-170

How many students have applied for independent Youth Allowance since 1 Jan 2012?

**ANSWER**

For the period 1 January - 24 February 2012, 9018 applicants applied for independent Youth Allowance (student). This figure includes applications that were rejected where a rejection reason was recorded on the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) payment system.

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data as at 24 February 2012.