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Dear Mr Bryant

Question on Notice BI-37 – Independent Youth Allowance – Parental Cap

The Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (the Department) provided a response to a Question on Notice (QoN) BI-37 from Senator Fiona Nash from the Budget Estimates hearing on 28 May 2012. The QoN concerned a comparison of the number of dependent students receiving Youth Allowance who received a maximum payment based on the parental income test before and after the Australian Government's reforms to the parental income test arrangements that occurred on 1 July 2010.

At the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 17 October 2012, Senator Nash asked, on notice, for a regional-metro breakdown of the Department's response to QoN BI-37.

In devising a methodology to provide a further breakdown of the data, it became apparent that the description of the age group covered by the Department's response to QoN BI-37 was incorrect. The response referred to 'Students who were 22 years of age or younger during the periods January-June 2010 or January-June 2011.' The data that was provided included students who were younger than 22 years of age. Please find attached a corrected response to QoN BI-37.

The Department apologies for any inconvenience.

Yours sincerely

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