

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**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:** Question on Notice (Hansard, Monday 28 May 2012, page 84)

**QUESTION No.:** BI-41

**Senator NASH:** Did everybody hear that out there? I am doing my job. Just quickly on apprenticeships. I might just make sure I have finished off all of that first. Again, I am happy for you to take this on notice. Obviously there has been some work done over recent years about the costs of living away from home for tertiary students. I think we were looking at around \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year in 2007 from the evidence and reporting then. Has there been any more recent data about the cost of relocation for students having to move away from home? I am very happy for you to take that on notice. I am just keen to know—that was a while ago now—if there has been any further work done since that time in trying to ascertain if that figure has adjusted at all. I think that is it for youth allowance. Some quick questions about apprenticeships and then I will be done. Have we got the same people or different people for apprenticeships or are we all good?

**ANSWER**

The Australian Scholarships Group in conjunction with Vince Callaghan produces an annual publication that includes estimated living costs for tertiary students. The 2012 publication can be downloaded from: <http://www.asg.com.au/howtosurvive/>.