

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

19 – 20 October 2011

Question No: SBT 268 - 270
Topic: ABS Discretionary Grants
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Senator Bushby asked:

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270. Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?

Answer:

268. The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) paid \$32,000 in scholarship payments for the financial year 2010-11. All payments relate to the Methodology Scholarship for students who want to pursue a career in statistical research.

More information about the scholarship can be found at the ABS website:

www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/corporate.nsf/home/Cadetships+and+Scholarships

The following table provides the details of the recipients.

ABS – Methodology Scholarship Recipient Payments – 2010-11

Recipient	Program Title	Value	Approval date	Grant Funding Location
Shane Bleasdale	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2010	THIRLMERE, NSW 2572
Phillip Lyons	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2010	CAMBEWARRA NSW 2540
Jessica Chan	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2010	CORINDA QLD 4075
Caleb Rathjen	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2010	BUNDABERG QLD 4670
Jessica Tan	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2010	SOUTH PLYMPTON SA 5038
Mingmei Teo	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2010	WEST BEACH SA 5024
Anna Carey	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2010	BELAIR SA 5052

Frances Potter	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships 2nd semester payments.	\$2,000	September 2010	MOUNT ISA SA 4825
Chaturi Bhaskaran	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships 1st semester payments.	\$2,000	March 2011	GUNGAHLIN ACT 2912
Katherine Sollis	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships 1st semester payments.	\$2,000	March 2011	NICHOLLS ACT 2913
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Adam Rohrlach	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships 1st semester payments.	\$2,000	March 2011	FULLARTON SA 5063

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Matthew Burgess	Program 1.1 Australian Bureau of Statistics: To be an organisation that builds capability to continually improve its effectiveness. Education scholarships 1st semester payments.	\$2,000	March 2011	MAWSON ACT 2607
TOTAL		\$32,000		

269. The ABS has paid \$16,000 in scholarship payments for the period 1 July to 30 September 2011. All payments relate to the Methodology Scholarship for students who want to pursue a career in statistical research.

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270. The ABS has published all scholarships awarded on its website. However in some circumstances, it has not published the information on its awarded grants by the seventh working day after the funding agreement for the grants took effect.

The ABS published its awarded scholarships for the 2010 and 2011 calendar years on 19 May 2010 and 11 April 2011, respectively.