

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 3–Higher Education

DEEWR Question No.EW0962_11

Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

REGIONAL LIVING

Can the department please provide a breakdown of the administrative data into the following categories: Regional Living at Home; Regional Living away from Home; Metropolitan At Home; Metropolitan away from Home (Ref: department’s response to question on notice SIH-H7).

Answer

The following information is current as at 27 August 2010 and sourced from Centrelink Administrative Data.

	Major Cities of Australia		Outside Major Cities of Australia [^]		Not Assigned to a Remoteness Area		Total [#]	
	At Home	Away from Home	At Home	Away from Home	At Home	Away from Home	At Home	Away from Home
Independent* Youth Allowance(Higher Education Student)	26 725	44 334	4319	18 123	60	736	31 107	63 193

[#] Remoteness Area distribution is based on the recipient home postcode as at 27/08/2010 using the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) 2006 Postal Areas (POA) to 2006 Remoteness Areas (RA) concordance. Discrepancies may occur between the sum of the component items and the total due to rounding, caused by the use of a concordance.

[^] Includes Inner Regional Australia, Outer Regional Australia, Remote Australia and Very Remote Australia as categorised under the ASGC.

^{*} Includes students qualifying for independent Youth Allowance as a result of:

- satisfying the workforce participation criterion
- reaching the age of independence
- being married or living in a de facto relationship
- having a child
- being assessed as unable to live at home
- being an orphan or refugee
- other special circumstances.