

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Marshall asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 125-126.

Question

Youth Allowance - Government Spending In All Categories

How much extra, in dollar terms, is the government spending now on Youth Allowance for higher education and other students?

Answer

The 2010-11 Revised Budget Estimate for Youth Allowance (Student), as published in the 2011-12 Portfolio Budget Statements, was \$2657 million. This represents an increase of almost \$584 million or 28 per cent over expenditure of \$2073 million in 2009-2010, as published in the DEEWR Annual Report 2009-10.

As Youth Allowance (Student) funding is not disaggregated for higher education or other sectors, estimates for higher education expenditure have been derived based on student number ratios.

Of the total estimated expenditure for Youth Allowance (Student), estimated expenditure for recipients in higher education increased by \$268 million or 28 per cent to approximately \$1222 million in 2010-11 from approximately \$954 million in 2009-10.

The expenditure for Youth Allowance (Student) recipients in higher education includes expenditure for Relocation and Student Start-up Scholarships, which are paid automatically to eligible Youth Allowance (Student) recipients.