

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 3 –Higher Education

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Question

STUDENTS ACCESSING YOUTH ALLOWANCE

Senator NASH—Can you take on notice for me that figure—so how many are accessing independent in higher ed—and the breakdown of how many of those are in their first year of tertiary education accessing independent youth allowance?

Mr Griew—That would include both for age and for workforce participation. Senator

NASH—If you could split them, do them separately, for me that would be great.

Ms Milliken—Yes, we can. Senator NASH—I think you said these figures are as at August—is that right? Ms Milliken—Yes.

Answer

Higher education students receiving Youth Allowance who meet the independence criteria (as at 27 August 2010)

Reason for independent status	Number of recipients
Workforce participation criterion	65 561
Age criterion	15 762
Other	7 155
Total	88 478

Source: Centrelink administrative data

It is not possible to separately identify students in their first year of tertiary education who are accessing Youth Allowance under the independence criteria.