

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME — CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

7129. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Education

- (1) What is the current rate for the clothing allowance component of the Secondary Assistance Scheme?
- (2) When was the allowance last increased?
- (3) How many eligible applicants were there for the clothing allowance in each of the last five calendar years?
- (4) What is the Budget for the clothing allowance in 2012 and for every year in the forward estimates period?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

- (1) The current rate for the clothing allowance component of the Secondary Assistance Scheme is \$115 per eligible student, per year.
- (2) The clothing allowance was last increased in 1992.
- (3)

Year	Applicants
2007	24 938
2008	22 907
2009	21 918
2010	20 689
2011	20 966
- (4) For 2011/12 the budget for the Secondary Assistance Scheme was \$2 370 563. This included students attending public and non-government schools, and home education students. The amount is budgeted to remain at this level throughout the current forward estimates.