

Stephen Hepburn MP
House of Commons
London
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Dear Mr Hepburn

I am writing in response to your Parliamentary Question 247139 that asked:

"How many people in (a) Jarrow constituency, (b) South Tyneside, (c) the North East and (d) England have received (i) £10, (ii) £20 and (iii) £30 in education maintenance allowance in (A) 2006-07, (B) 2007-08 and (C) 2008-09 to date."

Information on the number of young people who have received Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is available at Local Authority (LA) Level, but not at constituency level. EMA take-up is defined as young people who have received one or more EMA payments in the academic year.

The following table shows EMA take-up data split by payment band for South Tyneside Local Authority area, North East Region and England.

The information for 2006/07, 2007/08 is for the whole academic year. Information for 2008/09 is for the partial academic year period 1 September 2008 – January 2009 and is therefore subject to change and not directly comparable to previous years.

	2006/07 (whole year)			
	£30	£20	£10	Total
South Tyneside LA	1,878	179	147	2,204
North East Region	27,605	3,135	2,826	33,566
England	446,899	53,872	47,463	548,234
	2007/08 (whole year)			
	£30	£20	£10	Total
South Tyneside LA	1,977	193	157	2,327
North East Region	28,308	3,005	2,738	34,051
England	454,679	51,824	45,553	552,056

	2008/09 to January 2009 (partial year)			
	£30	£20	£10	Total
South Tyneside LA	1,722	134	124	1,980
North East Region	25,923	2,553	2,144	30,620
England	393,281	41,453	34,577	469,311

EMA Take-up data showing the number of young people who have received one or more EMA payments during 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08 is available on the LSC website, at the following address:

http://www.lsc.gov.uk/providers/Data/statistics/learner/EMA_take_up.htm

Yours sincerely



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(Agreed by and electronically signed in his absence)