

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 168

Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Senator Cameron asked:

- a) How many current DSP recipients on payment and how many receive earnings?
- b) How many DSP recipients report earnings by:
 - i) Main medical condition?
 - ii) Age?
 - iii) Gender?
 - iv) Indigenous status?
- c) What has been the impact of the July 2012 changes to the '30 hour rule' on the earnings of DSP recipients and the number of people with earnings? How is this change being formally evaluated?
- d) Provide breakdown by main medical condition by gender, Indigenous status, by percentages and total numbers
- e) Please update for 1 January 2014 to 31 March 2014, Additional Estimates, 27 February 2014 Answers on Notice, Department of Human Services, Question HS 158.

Answer:

Please note that some of this information is available at www.data.gov.au.

Table (a) Disability Support Pension Recipients Total and number with Earnings - 28 March 2014

Disability Support Pension	Had Earnings	No Earnings	Total
	67,996	764,537	832,533

Table (b)(i) Disability Support Pension Recipients with Earnings by Medical Condition - 28 March 2014

DSP Medical Condition	Had Earnings	No Earnings	Total
Acquired Brain Impairment	1,597	19,672	21,269
Amputation	124	1,509	1,633
Cancer/Tumour	978	16,140	17,118
Chronic Pain	694	13,253	13,947
Circulatory System	1,553	31,130	32,683
Congenital Anomalies	1,949	10,712	12,661
Endocrine & Immune System	1,108	17,106	18,214
Gastro-Intestinal System	553	6,586	7,139
Granted Prior To 12/11/91	1,254	9,302	10,556
Infectious Diseases	144	2,511	2,655
Inherited Disorders	137	601	738
Intellectual/Learning	20,611	83,153	103,764
Musculo-Skeletal & Connective Tissue	11,481	201,488	212,969

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Table (b)(i) Disability Support Pension Recipients with Earnings by Medical Condition - 28 March 2014			
DSP Medical Condition	Had Earnings	No Earnings	Total
Nervous System	3,385	39,880	43,265
Poorly Defined Cause	1,197	12,876	14,073
Psychological/Psychiatric	16,412	247,256	263,668
Reproductive System	48	610	658
Respiratory System	911	19,318	20,229
Sense Organs	3,129	19,348	22,477
Skin Disorder & Burns	57	867	924
Urogenital System	369	5,215	5,584
Visceral Disorder	276	5,369	5,645
Not Coded	29	635	664

Table (b)(ii) Disability Support Pension Recipients with earnings by Age Range - 28 March 2014			
AGE	Had Earnings	No Earnings	Total
16-19	1,728	17,288	19,016
20-24	6,032	30,849	36,881
25-29	6,252	32,614	38,866
30-34	6,056	38,980	45,036
35-39	6,106	47,829	53,935
40-44	7,229	68,177	75,406
45-49	7,754	84,114	91,868
50-54	8,793	108,960	117,753
55-59	8,672	131,392	140,064
60-64	8,113	169,966	178,079
65+	1,261	34,368	35,629

Table (b)(iii) Disability Support Pension Recipients with earnings by Sex - 28 March 2014			
SEX	Had Earnings	No Earnings	Total
Males	36,645	405,352	441,997
Females	31,351	359,185	390,536

Table (b)(iv) Disability Support Pension Recipients with earnings by Sex - 28 March 2014			
Indigenous indicator	Had Earnings	No Earnings	Total
Indigenous	1,613	45,829	47,442
Non-Indigenous	66,383	718,708	785,091

c) During November 2013, approximately 12,210 DSP recipients (non-grandfathered) worked on average 15 to 29 hours a week under the new rules, increasing by about 8,600 since the first month of the measure (July 2012).

An internal, post-implementation review of the change will be undertaken by the department during 2014/15.

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Table (d)(i) Disability Support Pensioner Recipients by Medical Condition by Sex, Number and Percentage - 28 March 2014						
DSP MEDICAL CONDITION	SEX				TOTAL	
	FEMALES		MALES			
	No.	percentage	No.	percentage	No.	percentage
Acquired Brain Impairment	6,687	1.7	14,582	3.3	21,269	2.6
Amputation	353	0.1	1,280	0.3	1,633	0.2
Cancer/Tumour	8,951	2.3	8,167	1.8	17,118	2.1
Chronic Pain	7,610	1.9	6,337	1.4	13,947	1.7
Circulatory System	12,216	3.1	20,467	4.6	32,683	3.9
Congenital Anomalies	6,120	1.6	6,541	1.5	12,661	1.5
Endocrine & Immune System	9,116	2.3	9,098	2.1	18,214	2.2
Gastro-Intestinal System	4,307	1.1	2,832	0.6	7,139	0.9
Granted Prior To 12/11/91	4,257	1.1	6,299	1.4	10,556	1.3
Infectious Diseases	939	0.2	1,716	0.4	2,655	0.3
Inherited Disorders	358	0.1	380	0.1	738	0.1
Intellectual/Learning	42,972	11.0	60,792	13.8	103,764	12.5
Musculo-Skeletal & Connective Tissue	105,036	26.9	107,933	24.4	212,969	25.6
Nervous System	22,633	5.8	20,632	4.7	43,265	5.2
Poorly Defined Cause	10,381	2.7	3,692	0.8	14,073	1.7
Psychological/Psychiatric	120,471	30.8	143,197	32.4	263,668	31.7
Reproductive System	633	0.2	25	0.0	658	0.1
Respiratory System	10,754	2.8	9,475	2.1	20,229	2.4
Sense Organs	10,856	2.8	11,621	2.6	22,477	2.7
Skin Disorder & Burns	398	0.1	526	0.1	924	0.1
Urogenital System	2,786	0.7	2,798	0.6	5,584	0.7
Visceral Disorder	2,361	0.6	3,284	0.7	5,645	0.7
Not Coded	341	0.1	323	0.1	664	0.1
TOTAL	390,536	100.0	441,997	100.0	832,533	100.0

Table (d)(ii) Disability Support Pension Recipients by Medical Condition by Indigenous Status, number and Percentage - 28 March 2014						
DSP MEDICAL CONDITION	SEX				TOTAL	
	FEMALES		MALES			
	No	percentage	No	percentage	No	percentage
Acquired Brain Impairment	18,642	2.4	2,627	5.5	21,269	2.6
Amputation	1,508	0.2	125	0.3	1,633	0.2
Cancer/Tumour	16,588	2.1	530	1.1	17,118	2.1
Chronic Pain	13,434	1.7	513	1.1	13,947	1.7
Circulatory System	29,633	3.8	3,050	6.4	32,683	3.9
Congenital Anomalies	12,153	1.5	508	1.1	12,661	1.5
Endocrine & Immune System	16,440	2.1	1,774	3.7	18,214	2.2
Gastro-Intestinal System	6,951	0.9	188	0.4	7,139	0.9
Granted Prior To 12/11/91	10,307	1.3	249	0.5	10,556	1.3
Infectious Diseases	2,513	0.3	142	0.3	2,655	0.3
Inherited Disorders	714	0.1	24	0.1	738	0.1
Intellectual/Learning	95,412	12.2	8,352	17.6	103,764	12.5
Musculo-Skeletal & Connective Tissue	205,777	26.2	7,192	15.2	212,969	25.6
Nervous System	41,584	5.3	1,681	3.5	43,265	5.2
Poorly Defined Cause	13,669	1.7	404	0.9	14,073	1.7

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Table (d)(ii) Disability Support Pension Recipients by Medical Condition by Indigenous Status, number and Percentage - 28 March 2014						
DSP MEDICAL CONDITION	SEX				TOTAL	
	FEMALES		MALES			
	No	percentage	No	percentage	No	percentage
Psychological/Psychiatric	247,809	31.6	15,859	33.4	263,668	31.7
Reproductive System	627	0.1	31	0.1	658	0.1
Respiratory System	18,393	2.3	1,836	3.9	20,229	2.4
Sense Organs	21,418	2.7	1,059	2.2	22,477	2.7
Skin Disorder & Burns	876	0.1	48	0.1	924	0.1
Urogenital System	4,766	0.6	818	1.7	5,584	0.7
Visceral Disorder	5,248	0.7	397	0.8	5,645	0.7
Not Coded	629	0.1	35	0.1	664	0.1
TOTAL	785,091	100.0	47,442	100.0	832,533	100.0

Table (e) (i) DSP Events - January 2014 to March 2014			
Month	Grants	Rejections	Claims
Jan-14	5,169	7,857	13,026
Feb-14	4,542	6,946	11,488
Mar-14	4,472	6,492	10,964

Table (e) (ii) DSP Rejections by Reason - January 2014 to March 2014			
Number of Events in the period	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14
Not fully diagnosed treated stabilised	2,577	2,414	2,259
Less than 20 per cent impaired *auto	2,469	2,319	2,161
Fail to reply to correspondence	1,296	935	805
Failed to comply with Program of Support	273	262	254
Fail to undergo medical exam	258	215	182
Manifest - temporary	213	190	221
Disability is short term	127	100	101
Excess income *auto	103	101	88
Not residentially qualified	91	93	97
Manifest - not sufficient impairment	56	39	52
Failed agreement specific rules	58	41	42
Compo preclusion period *auto	51	32	32
Manifest - can work 15+ hrs p/w	42	25	23
Other	45	21	20
DSP excess inc/assets-no medical exam	34	29	22
Precluded due to compo dir/dd*auto	31	25	27
Other	133	105	106
Total	7,857	6,946	6,492

Please list all other Branches/Offices/Departments Consulted:

1. N/A