

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 5

**Question No:** 114

**Topic:** Portability of the Disability Support Pension

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Fifield** asked:

I refer to QoN 186 from SBE. In October 2010 - What has the Government done to address the issues raised by Mr Borrowman?

Will the Government put forward an amendment of its own to address the issue affecting Mr Borrowman?

**Answer:**

The Government has introduced an amendment to the *Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2010* into the Senate. The amendment provides for extended portability of Disability Support Pension (DSP) for a severely disabled DSP recipient who is travelling with a family member who has been posted or seconded by their employer to work overseas, where:

- the family member is the person with whom the DSP recipient normally lives; and
- the family member provides support and assistance to the DSP recipient on a daily basis.

This amendment covers DSP recipients in formal legal guardianship arrangements, as well as those who are in similar arrangements with their relatives but where there is no formal order from a Guardianship Tribunal.