

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 5

**Question No:** 289

**Topic:** Disability Support Pension

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Fifield** asked:

What proportion of rejections each month between October 2012 and February 2013 were for medical and non-medical reasons?

**Answer:**

The table below provides the proportion of Disability Support Pension rejections by medical and non-medical reasons for each month between October 2012 and February 2013.

Month	Medical	Non-medical
October 2012	78.5%	21.5%
November 2012	76.3%	23.7%
December 2012	78.6%	21.4%
January 2013	75.8%	24.2%
February 2013	75.7%	24.3%

Medical rejections reasons include: short term disability; a medical condition has not been fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised; or the person has been assessed as scoring less than 20 points against the impairment tables.

Non-medical rejection reasons include: failure to supply requested information; income is too high; failure to attend an assessment or medical examination; or that the person has not actively participated in a program of support.