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Topic: Better Start for Children with Disability

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Senator Fifield asked:

How many applications have been received since 1 January 2013 for a) Prader Willi syndrome b) Williams syndrome c) Angelman syndrome d) Kabuki syndrome e) Smith-Magenis syndrome f) CHARGE syndrome g) Cornelia de Lange syndrome h) Cri du Chat syndrome i) microcephaly

Answer:

The Department does not collect data that shows how many applications were received for each individual disability. The table below provides the numbers of children who have registered for Better Start since 1 January 2013, as at 28 February, per newly eligible disability type:

Disability	Client count
Angelman syndrome	24
CHARGE syndrome	4
Cornelia de Lange syndrome	5
Cri du Chat syndrome	13
Kabuki syndrome	7
Microcephaly	16
Prader Willi syndrome	39
Smith-Magenis syndrome	2
Williams syndrome	21
Total	131