

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 416**

**Topic:** Disability Support Pension (DSP)

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Please provide the grant rate for the DSP and the total number of people on the DSP and the total number of people on the DSP each year from 1996 to the most recent data available.

**Answer:**

The average grant rate for people applying for Disability Support Pension from July 2013 to December 2013 was 41.8 per cent.

The total number of people receiving Disability Support Pension in December 2013 was 832,024.

The table below provides the total number of people on Disability Support Pension as at June 1996 to 2013.

<b>Year</b>	<b>DSP Population</b>
1996	499,235
1997	527,514
1998	553,336
1999	577,682
2000	602,280
2001	623,926
2002	658,915
2003	673,334
2004	696,742
2005	706,782
2006	712,163
2007	714,156
2008	732,367
2009	757,118
2010	792,581
2011	818,850
2012	827,460
2013	821,738