

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.8 Income Support for People with Disability

Question No: SQ16-000011

Topic: Income Support

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

In relation to the Disability Support Pension:

- a. Has the Department provided advice to Government on measures to reduce the cost of DSP? In addition to the reassessment of individuals aged under 35, have any other policy decisions been taken by Government to reduce the cost of DSP? If so, what analysis was undertaken of the impacts of those changes?
 - i. In relation to the reassessment of individuals aged under 35, does the Department have any data on 6-month employment or income support outcomes for those individuals? If so please provide it.
- b. Does the Department have any data measuring DHS's accuracy in undertaking DSP assessments? If so please provide it.

Answer:

- a. The Department provides advice to Government on a range of matters, including measures to ensure DSP is targeted to those that need it the most and to maintain the integrity of the payment.
 - i. Refer to Question on Notice SQ16-000237.
- b. This question should be directed to the Department of Human Services.