

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: 1.8 Income Support for People with Disability

Question No: SQ16-000238

Topic: DSP

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

With that table, is it possible to get that information on how long the people affected have been on DSP?

Answer:

This data represents updated information provided by the Department of Human Services since 11 February 2016.

As at January 2016, of the 20,521 reviews that were completed, 2,986 DSP recipients had their DSP cancelled based on their work capacity and level of impairment. Not all reviews or appeal activity have been completed and as such, it is possible that some of these people will have their payment reinstated.

The table below shows the duration on DSP prior to the recipient's DSP being cancelled.

Year of Grant	Number of Recipients Cancelled
2008	512
2009	592
2010	886
2011	924
Unknown	72
TOTAL	2,986

Data source: Department of Human Services