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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Have you done any analysis then of the people who have been rejected from DSP and have then presumably gone onto Newstart or Youth Allowance? Have you done any work on how long those people with a disability who are rejected are on Newstart and whether they are then managing to gain employment? What is happening to that group of people? They clearly have a disability—they just do not meet the requirements.

Answer:

The Department has not conducted analysis of people who have had their application for DSP rejected. It would be difficult to produce meaningful data as DSP claims are rejected for a range of reasons, including on medical and non-medical grounds. It cannot be assumed that all people who have a DSP claim rejected have a significant disability.