

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

BUDGET ESTIMATES - 2 JUNE 2011 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Disability Support Pension – Overseas Payments

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Senator: Fifield

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Question:

- a) How many Disability Support Pension cheques does Centrelink send to overseas addresses? What is their total value?
- b) How many Disability Support Pension payments does Centrelink send to overseas bank accounts? What is their total value?

Answer:

- a) As at 13 July 2011, the most recent payment listing indicates 311 Disability Support Pensions are paid by cheque to overseas addresses. The total value of these cheques, based on the average value of pensions paid outside Australia, is \$158,299 per fortnight.
- b) As at 13 July 2011, the most recent payment listing indicates 7,202 Disability Support Pensions are paid by direct credit to overseas bank accounts. The total value of these payments, based on the average value of pensions paid outside Australia, is \$3,665,818 per fortnight.