

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Social Services Portfolio
2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 67

Topic: Disability Support Pension - Review Recipients aged under 35 years

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Brown asked:

How many people will lose their DSP because these reviews? In total, and in each year of the forward estimates?

- a. How did the Department estimate the effect of reviews on DSP eligibility?
- b. Did it apply a percentage - ie of all reviews, 4% would lose DSP?
- c. Did it look at past experience of reviews undertaken? If so, which reviews and over what time period?

Answer:

It is estimated that approximately 5% (1,400) of DSP recipients reviewed under this measure will have their DSP cancelled over the 18 months from 1 July 2014.

- a) Estimates were based on data from outcomes of medical reviews undertaken against the revised Impairment Tables.
- b) A percentage was applied.
- c) Estimates were based on data about outcomes of medical reviews undertaken against the revised Impairment Tables (since January 2012).