Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio

2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Senator Moore asked:

What is the time frame for "regular reviews"? What is the expected increase on that?

Answer:

DSP recipients are not subject to scheduled regular reviews of their eligibility. However, they may be subject to review at any time as part of the Random Sample Survey or Service Profiling review processes. DSP reviews are normally brought about by changes in circumstances such as earnings, assets, or updated medical information. DSP medical reviews are not undertaken more than once in a two year period.

From 1 July 2014, targeted one-off reviews are being undertaken over 18 months under the DSP 2014-15 Budget measure to review DSP recipients aged under 35 with a work capacity of 8 hours or more per week who were granted between 2008 and 2011. An estimated 28,000 DSP recipients will be reviewed.