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Topic: DSP reassessment

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Senator Siewert asked:

People under 35 who were granted the DSP between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2011 will be reassessed according to current eligibility rules. If they are granted continued eligibility - and are assessed to have a working capacity of 8 hours or more per week - they will be required to complete activities to build their work capacity.

(a) What was the reasoning behind the 2008 commencement date?

(b) How many recipients will be affected by this measure?

Answer:

a) DSP recipients granted from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2011 would have been assessed under the previous version of the Impairment Tables. These people are also relatively recent entrants to DSP and would be more likely to benefit from employment assistance. They are also more likely to have some work capacity that may be improved with assistance. (See also QoN 792)

b) Approximately 28,000 reviews will be undertaken.