

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

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**Question No: 760**

**Topic: Numbers on the DSP**

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**Senator Brown** asked:

Please provide estimates of the number and proportion of Newstart Allowance recipients who have a disability, including those assessed as having partial work capacity, broken down by main disability type.

**Answer:**

As at 28 March 2014 there were 173,060 Newstart Allowance recipients participating in Disability Employment Services (DES) and/or have a Partial Capacity to Work (PCW) of zero to 29 hours per week. These recipients represent 24.9 per cent of the total Newstart Allowance population.

The table below has the top 10 medical conditions noting that a recipient may have multiple conditions.

<b>Top 10 Medical Conditions</b>	<b>No</b>
Depression	38,210
Spinal Disorder	30,129
Psychological or Psychiatric disorder	23,838
Lower Limb Deficiencies	15,037
Osteoarthritis	14,459
Shoulder and Upper Arm disorder	14,240
Hypertension	12,410
Circulatory System	10,365
Anxiety	10,271
Musculo-skeletal disorder	10,151
Diabetes- non insulin dependent	9014

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract)