

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Question No: 792

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

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Brown asked:

What was the rationale for choosing 1 January 2008 as the date for the cohort who would be reviewed?

Answer:

The Government wants to ensure that people with some work capacity are supported to take steps to seek employment. DSP recipients granted between 1 January 2008 and 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.