

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 1 JUNE 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Disability Support Pension – Manifest Eligibility Pilot

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Senator: Siewert

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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: So how many people do you think will go through the pilot?

Dr Charker: I could not give you an answer on that right now. I could take it on notice and provide it to you. I think that would be better.

Answer:

From May to July 2017 the Department is piloting administrative changes, designed to accelerate claims for Disability Support Pension lodged by people who may be manifestly eligible, or who have a severe illness or disability.

The pilot is focussed on new claims submitted to the Department. The total number of claims processed during the pilot is dependent on the volume of claims submitted during the trial period.