

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.7 Allowances and Concessions for Seniors Question No: SQ17-000358**

**Topic: Mental Health**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert** asked:

What is the number of income support recipients, DSP, who received DSP specifically for mental illness?

Also those that are not on DSP but have mental health flagged as a vulnerability for Newstart and Youth Allowance.

**Answer:**

As at 31 March 2017, 256,952 recipients of Disability Support Pension (DSP) had psychological or psychiatric condition recoded as their primary medical condition.

As at 31 March 2017, 44,356 Newstart Allowance recipients and 3,112 Youth Allowance (other) recipients had a vulnerability indicator for a psychiatric condition or mental illness.