

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

Outcome Number: 1.8 Income Support for People with Disability Question No: SQ17-000360

Topic: Mental Health

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Have you done that work against drug addiction as well? I am interested in the number of people who have mental illness and have identified as having a drug addiction or have been identified as having drug addiction as part of their diagnosis, including a percentage of those that do.

Answer:

As at 31 March 2017, there were 19,392 recipients (or 2.1 per cent) of Disability Support Pension, Newstart Allowance with a partial capacity to work (PCW), Parenting Payment Single with a PCW, Sickness Allowance, Special Benefit recipients with a PCW and Youth Allowance (other) with a PCW, who had a primary psychological or psychiatric medical condition and a secondary drug dependence medical condition recorded,.