

**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: SQ17-000361**

**Topic: Chronic Pain**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert asked:**

Do you have any more recent data on the number of people that are on DSP and/or Newstart or Youth Allowance in terms of chronic pain?

**Answer:**

As at 31 March 2017, there were 12,193 recipients of Disability Support Pension with a primary medical condition of chronic pain. A further 1,729 recipients of Newstart Allowance or Youth Allowance (other) with a partial capacity to work had a chronic pain as the first recorded medical condition in their job capacity assessment.