

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 168**

**Topic:** Disability Support Pension

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Fifield** asked:

What proportion of rejections each month between June 2012 and October 2012 were for medical and non-medical reasons?

**Answer:**

The table below provides the proportion of Disability Support Pension rejections by medical and non-medical reasons for each month between June 2012 and October 2012.

Month	Medical	Non-medical
June 2012	79.9%	20.1%
July 2012	78.1%	21.9%
August 2012	77.4%	22.6%
September 2012	76.1%	23.9%
October 2012	78.5%	21.5%

Medical rejections reasons include: short term disability; a medical condition has not been fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised; or the person has been assessed as scoring less than 20 points against the impairment tables.

Non-medical rejection reasons include: failure to supply requested information; income is too high; failure to attend an assessment or medical examination; or that the person has not actively participated in a program of support.