

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 245

Topic: Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT)

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Senator Siewert asked:

Has there been the increase in appeals related to DSP rejections in the last 12 months?
How many appeals relating to DSP have been recorded per quarter for the last 9 quarters?
What is the cost of the DSP appeals?

Answer:

(1) The number of applications for review of decisions recorded as relating to *rejections* of DSP increased from 1,806 in 2010-11 to 2,489 in 2011-12.

(2) The SSAT does not have this data for the last nine quarters. Data for the first two quarters of 2011-12 and for the third quarter to 23 March 2012 (when the SSAT changed case management systems) was provided in response to question No. 5 (2012-13 Budget Estimates).

The number of applications for review which were recorded as *relating* to DSP is:

- Total 2010-2011: 2,951 applications for review
- Q1 of 2011-2012: 732 applications for review
- Q2 of 2011-2012: 791 applications for review
- Q3 of 2011-2012: 932 applications for review
- Q4 of 2011-2012: 1,045 applications for review
- Q1 of 2012-2013: 1,040 applications for review

(3) The SSAT does not attempt to cost applications for review by the type of payment to which the application relates.