

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 308

Topic: Income Support for People with Disability

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

Can you provide the latest data on administered outlays associated with the Disability Support Pension?

Can you confirm whether the department has done any work on possible mechanisms for reducing the future costs associated with this payment?

Has the department done any work relating to possible changes to any aspect of the current settings for the Disability Support Pension?

Answer:

The table below provides administered outlays on Disability Support Pension each month between June 2013 and November 2013.

Month	\$m
June 2013	1,197.137
July 2013	1,320.898
August 2013	1,326.357
September 2013	1,287.628
October 2013	1,367.133
November 2013	1,292.289

The Department, as part of its ongoing business practice, monitors and reviews a range of factors in relation to income support payments including costs and policy settings.