

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

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Question:

In 2014-15 how many people under 35 on the DSP have had:

- a) a Participation Plan developed under the 2014 budget changes
- b) their DSP payments suspended; and
- c) their DSP payments cancelled.

Answer:

- a) From the date of implementation on 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, there were 24,111 recipients who had agreed a Disability Support Pension (DSP) Participation Plan.
- b) From 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, there were 2,782 recipients who were suspended as a result of compliance action. Payments can be suspended for a range of reasons such as not signing a Participation Plan, not attending an interview or not participating in a compulsory activity.
- c) From 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, there were 52 recipients who had their DSP cancelled as a result of a compliance action. Cancellations can occur after three separate incidents of not undertaking compulsory activities.