

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Question No: SQ15-000926

Outcome Number: 1.8 Income Support for People with Disability

Topic: DSP Medical Reviews

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

In 2014-15 (or the most recent available data), for the top 10 most prevalent disabilities (eg. physical, intellectual, psychiatric), provide details on the numbers of participants and the proportions who found 12 and 26 week outcomes (number and percentages).

Answer:

In 2014/15, approximately 16.9 per cent and 13.2 per cent of the 232,568 eligible DES participants achieved a 13 week and 26 week outcome respectively. The table below shows the break down for the most prevalent disabilities.

Fiscal Year	Primary Disability	Total participants serviced*	13 Week Outcome	%	26 Week Outcome	%
2014/15	Physical	101,846	15,110	14.8%	11,647	11.4%
	Psychiatric	82,363	14,411	17.5%	10,741	13.0%
	Specific Learning	9,208	2133	23.2%	1746	19.0%
	Intellectual	10,847	2209	20.4%	1,888	17.4%
	Neurological	9,647	1619	16.8%	1442	14.9%
	Autism	7,892	1848	23.4%	1480	18.8%
	Hearing	3,866	722	18.7%	721	18.6%
	Acquired brain injury	3,201	557	17.4%	494	15.4%
	Vision	2,946	534	18.1%	483	16.4%
	Speech	459	113	24.6%	87	19.0%
	Deafblind	242	50	20.7%	45	18.6%
	Unknown	51	2	3.9%	9	17.6%
	Total	232,568	39,308	16.9%	30,783	13.2%

Note:

* This is the count of participants assisted during the financial year. Data includes caseload as at 30 June 2014 (the caseload is a point in time measurement) and all commencements for the relevant financial year.

It is important to note that a number of people who participated in 2014-15 and achieved 13 and/or 26 week outcomes after 30 June 2015 are not counted in the outcome figures shown above as these figures only include outcomes achieved up to 30 June 2015. (Please see also answer to question SQ15-000913.)

For the period from 1 July 2015 to 31 October 2015, approximately 6.9 per cent and 5 per cent of the 191,986 DES participants achieved a 13 week and 26 week outcome respectively in that period. The table below shows the break down for the most prevalent disabilities.

It is important to note that many people who participated in the first 4 months of 2015-16 will get 13 and 26 week outcomes after 31 October 2015 that are not counted in the outcome figures shown below as these figures only include outcomes achieved in the four months from 1 July to 31 October 2015.

Fiscal Year	Primary Disability	Total participants serviced*	13 Week Outcome	%	26 Week Outcome	%	
2015/16#	Physical	84,417	5,368	6.4%	3,846	4.6%	
	Psychiatric	68,065	4,885	7.2%	3,371	5.0%	
	Specific Learning	7,323	647	8.8%	514	7.0%	
	Intellectual	9,092	655	7.2%	525	5.8%	
	Neurological	7,805	523	6.7%	388	5.0%	
	Autism	6,854	589	8.6%	474	6.9%	
	Hearing	3,052	230	7.5%	181	5.9%	
	Acquired brain injury	2,461	171	6.9%	131	5.3%	
	Vision	2,312	150	6.5%	137	5.9%	
	Speech	376	28	7.4%	27	7.2%	
	Deafblind	193	17	8.8%	9	4.7%	
	Unknown	36	1	2.8%	2	5.6%	
	Total		191,986	13,264	6.9%	9,605	5.0%

Note:

* This is the count of participants who were assisted during the financial year. Data includes caseload as at 30 June 2015 (the caseload is a point in time measurement) and all commencements till end October 2015.

1 July 2015 to end October 2015