

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 253

Topic: Disability Care Load Assessment (Child) Determination – appeals

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How many people have subsequently appealed that decision and how many people have had the decision reversed?

Answer:

Of the 717 Carer Allowance (child) including Health Care Card only appeals finalised between 1 July 2010 and 31 March 2011, only one was settled by consent or had the decision reversed.

Of the 312 Carer Payment (child) appeals finalised between 1 July 2010 and 31 March 2011, only two were settled by consent or had the decision reversed.

These both include appeals at all three stages of the appeals process, i.e. Authorised Review Officer, Social Security Appeals Tribunal and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, therefore individual cases may be represented in multiple counts.

Appeals may not be about the Disability Care Load Assessment; they may be appeals against decisions made by Centrelink about the claimant's qualification for Carer Allowance (child) or Carer Payment (child) under the previous assessment tool or about other qualification provisions such as income and assets for Carer Payment or residency.