

**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: 295**

**Topic: Disability Support Pension**

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**Senator Fifield** asked:

Can the Department provide a table by table breakdown, of the number of people who have an impairment of 20 points or more on a single table?

**Answer:**

The following table provides a table by table breakdown of the number of Disability Support Pension recipients at June 2010 who have an impairment of 20 points or more on a single table.

Table	Number of recipients
1 – Loss of cardiovascular and/or respiratory function: exercise tolerance	7,151
2 – Loss of respiratory function: physiological measurements	465
3 – Upper limb function	3,164
4 – Function of the lower limbs	6,917
5.1 – Spinal function: cervical spine	913
5.2 – Spinal function: thoraco-lumbar-sacral spine	7,954
6 – Psychiatric impairment	14,454
7 – Alcohol and drug dependence	699
8 – Neurological function: memory, problem solving, decision making abilities and comprehension	4,041
9 – Communication function: receptive and expressive language competency	1,024
10 – Intellectual disability	7,804
11.1 – Gastrointestinal: stomach, duodenum, liver and biliary tract	468
11.2 – Gastrointestinal: pancreas, small and large bowel, rectum and anus	1,117
12 – Hearing function	764
13 – Visual acuity in the better eye	427
14 – Miscellaneous eye conditions	56
15 – Visual fields	208
16 – Lower urinary tract	341
17 – Renal function	543
18 – Skin disorders	212
19 – Endocrine disorders	1,526
20 – Miscellaneous: malignancy, hypertension, HIV infection, morbid obesity (ie BMI>40), heart/liver/kidney transplants, miscellaneous ear/nose/throat conditions and chronic fatigue or pain	20,019
21 – Intermittent conditions	1,576
22 – Gynaecological conditions	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,909</b>

Note: DSP recipients that are manifest or granted prior to 1991 do not have an impairment rating.