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Question No: 286

Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Senator Fifield asked:

Regarding the Disability Support Pension: Can the Department please provide a month by month breakdown of the number of recipients since June 2010:

- a) By gender;
- b) By age group;
- c) By medical category, age and gender;
- d) By state or territory, age and gender;
- e) By country of birth, age and gender;
- f) By marital status, age and gender;
- g) Home ownership, age and gender.

Answer:

The following table provides the number of Disability Support Pension recipients by month from June 2010 to June 2011:

Date	Number of recipients
June 2010	792,581
July 2010	793,699
August 2010	796,680
September 2010	799,498
October 2010	802,891
November 2010	805,797
December 2010	808,878
January 2011	809,903
February 2011	811,246
March 2011	812,790
April 2011	815,251
May 2011	817,391
June 2011	818,850

Month by month data in the format and cross tabulations requested is not produced on a regular basis. It cannot be provided at this time due to the substantial commitment of resources and time required to extract, tabulate and quality assure the data.

The Characteristics of Disability Support Pension Recipients Report for June 2011, an annual report which contains detailed information on the population, is expected to be available later this year.