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Question No: 287

Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Senator Fifield asked:

Can the Department please provide a month by month breakdown of the number of new claims 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 finalised claims by month from June 2010 to June 2011:

Date	Number of finalised claims
June 2010	11,615
July 2010	11,683
August 2010	12,503
September 2010	12,631
October 2010	15,910
November 2010	12,632
December 2010	14,759
January 2011	10,981
February 2011	11,038
March 2011	11,058
April 2011	14,758
May 2011	12,666
June 2011	11,445

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.