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Question No: 288

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 that were refused 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 rejected claims by month from June 2010 to June 2011:

Date	Number of rejected claims
June 2010	4,369
July 2010	4,367
August 2010	4,850
September 2010	4,818
October 2010	6,101
November 2010	4,852
December 2010	5,939
January 2011	4,639
February 2011	4,500
March 2011	4,468
April 2011	6,267
May 2011	5,521
June 2011	5,087

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.