

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2004-2005 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
17 FEBRUARY 2005**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance**

**Output Group 1.1: Working age payments**

**Output 1.1.1: Working age payments and compliance**

**Question Number: W242-05**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing:

What proportion of DSP applicants last year reported earnings above the pension income test free area? If possible could you provide a breakdown by disability, age and sex?

**Answer:**

The attached tables show data on people who received DSP for at least one fortnight between 1 July 2004 and 31 December 2004, including those now cancelled, and who had earnings above the income test free areas in at least one fortnight between 1 July 2004 and 31 December 2004. Earnings data is not available for people who had a claim for DSP rejected. The attached tables provide a breakdown by medical condition, age and gender.

**Note:**

Data is only available for each financial year since the introduction of Working Credit on 20 September 2003. It is not possible to combine data across financial years as recipients may be double counted.

**Proportion of Total Recipients of Disability Support Pension with Earnings Above the Income Free Area in at least one pay period between 1 July and 31 December 2004**  
**By Medical Condition**

<b>Medical Condition</b>	<b>Number above IFA as proportion of total current/previous recipients</b>
Acquired brain impairment	7.6
Amputation	8.6
Cancer/tumour	8.2
Chronic fatigue/post viral syndrome	10.1
Chronic pain	8.4
Circulatory system	6.2
Congenital abnormality	11.6
Endocrine and immune system	9.9
Gastro-intestinal system	10.9
Granted prior to 12.11.91	7.0
Intellectual/learning	13.6
Musculo-skeletal and connective tissue	7.1
Nervous system	8.3
Psychological/psychiatric	8.2
Reproductive system	11.0
Respiratory system	6.2
Sense organs	14.1
Skin disorders and burns	8.6
Urogenital system	8.0
Visceral disorder	8.4
Not Applicable	16.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.4</b>

Source: Centrelink

**Proportion of Total Recipients of Disability Support Pension with Earnings Above the Income Free Area in at least one pay period between 1 July and 31 December 2004**  
**By Age and Gender**

Age	Number above IFA as proportion of total current/ previous recipients		
	Male	Female	Total
16-19	12.4	9.9	11.4
20-24	18.2	16.5	17.5
25-29	16.6	16.6	16.6
30-34	13.7	13.0	13.4
35-39	12.0	11.4	11.7
40-44	10.1	10.1	10.1
45-49	8.9	9.6	9.2
50-54	7.2	8.2	7.7
55-59	5.6	5.9	5.8
60-64	4.5	4.3	4.5
65+	3.1	3.7	3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.4</b>

Source: Centrelink