

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Fifield provided in writing.

Question

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

1. How many people this financial year have accessed disability employment services?
2. Can you provide a breakdown of these individuals showing how many in each category of disability?
3. Can you provide a breakdown of where these individuals came from? i.e. How many are DSP recipients who came from other payments such as Newstart, Youth Allowance etc.

How many were not Centrelink clients prior to being on the DSP? If you don't have all the data necessary please forward these questions to the relevant department.

Answer

1. 164,888 people have accessed Disability Employment Services for the 2010-11 financial year to 31 December 2010. 140,799 are currently being serviced and 24,089 have exited from services.
2. Breakdown of the Disability Employment Services caseload as at 31 December 2010 (point in time), by disability type.

Primary Disability	DMS	ESS	Total
Physical	38,566	21,651	60,217
Psychiatric	17,729	25,260	42,989
Intellectual	323	8,843	9,166
Specific Learning/ADD (other than Intellectual)	894	6,998	7,892
Neurological (including Epilepsy & Alzheimer)	2,156	3,909	6,065
Autism (including Asperger's Syndrome)	213	3,277	3,490
Hearing	546	2,038	2,584
Acquired brain injury	615	1,850	2,465
Vision	396	1,548	1,944
Speech	82	252	334
Deafblind (Dual Sensory)	17	67	84
Unknown/Not Stated	2,303	1,266	3,569
Total	63,840	76,959	140,799

3. Breakdown of the Disability Employment Services caseload as at 31 December 2010 (point in time), by allowance type.

Allowance Type	DMS	ESS	Total
Newstart Allowance/Youth Allowance	46,079	33,290	79,369
Disability Support Pension	3,660	28,237	31,897
Parenting Payment (Partnered/Single)	4,673	2,708	7,381
Other Pension or Allowance	608	608	1,216
Non-Allowee (not on income support)	8,820	12,116	20,936
Total	63,840	76,959	140,799

In Disability Employment Services, there are currently 20,936 participants not on income support (called Non Allowees). If a participant's circumstances change and they become eligible for income support, they may be provided with Disability Support Pension (DSP), New Start Allowance, Parenting Payment or other pension types – they are not required to be only eligible for DSP to be eligible for Disability Employment Services.