

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

**2004-2005 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
31 MAY AND 1 JUNE 2004**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective Labour Market Assistance

Question Number: W149-05

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Please provide the most recent details of the number of recipients of the Disability Support Pension, on the basis of

- State
- Statistical Local Area (SLA)
- Gender
- Age
- State and age
- State and gender
- SLA and age
- SLA and gender

Answer:

The following four tables provide the number of recipients of the Disability Support Pension as at 3 September 2004 by:

- State and age
- State and gender
- SLA and age
- SLA and gender

The total columns provide information on recipients by State, SLA, gender and age.

Notes:

Due to confidentiality provision cells with less than 20 customers have been replaced with '<20'. This includes cells that have a value of zero. If the total column makes it possible to work out the value of any '<20' cells, the total field has been left blank.

Data by SLA is based on concurring postcode data into 2001 ABS SLA groupings. It excludes DSP customers with invalid postcodes and there is a small residual error due to rounding.

The suffix following the SLA names are:

A	New South Wales Area
B	Borough
C	City
CGC	Community Government Council
DC	District Council
M	Municipality
RC	Rural City
S	Shire
T	Town

Disability Support Pension Customers by State and Age Group – as at 3 September 2004

	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	Total
ACT	213	425	481	563	595	738	761	907	1120	1085	95	6,983
NSW	5,156	8,866	9,517	12,657	15,386	21,539	26,586	32,994	45,935	46,150	1,757	226,543
NT	145	242	279	404	466	633	733	867	1,045	947	25	5,786
QLD	3,666	5,883	6,376	8,247	9,815	13,473	16,253	19,506	26,295	24,894	618	135,026
SA	1,512	2,503	2,787	3,942	5,259	6,990	8,431	9,581	13,078	12,429	191	66,703
Tasmania	544	938	1,038	1,603	2,025	2,862	3,590	4,680	7,096	7,297	1,926	33,599
Victoria	4,404	7,058	7,710	10,075	12,484	15,345	18,953	23,630	33,490	32,289	1,153	166,591
WA	1,384	2,287	2,481	3,433	4,274	5,617	7,278	8,879	11,469	11,664	384	59,150
Unknown	18	9	12	16	25	18	29	38	68	58	2	293
Total	17,042	28,211	30,681	40,940	50,329	67,215	82,614	101,082	139,596	136,813	6,151	700,674

Source: Centrelink Superstar Pensions database – 3/9/04

Disability Support Pension Customers by State and Gender – as at 3 September 2004

	Male	Female	Total
ACT	3,879	3,104	6,983
NSW	136,774	89,769	226,543
NT	3,616	2,170	5,786
QLD	82,613	52,413	135,026
SA	39,407	27,296	66,703
Tasmania	21,477	12,122	33,599
Victoria	96,497	70,094	166,591
WA	35,349	23,801	59,150
Unknown	191	102	293
Total	419,803	280,871	700,674

Source: Centrelink Superstar Pensions database – 3/9/04