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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.1: Information, referral and support services

Question Number: W505-06

Question:

Early Intervention and Engagement Pilot - What are the outcomes of the *Early Intervention and Engagement Pilot*? Can you provide details of the assessments conducted by the pilot by the following breakdown:

- The number and proportion of (a) new applicants and (b) others assessed as:
 - Able to work less than 15 hours per week
 - Able to work 15 hours per week but less than 30 hours
 - Able to work 30 or more hours per week
- Please break down this data by:
 - category of disability e.g. muscular skeletal, mental illness
 - State/territory;
 - Age;
 - Sex;
 - Family status i.e. number of dependent children, sole parent or married family;
 - Current income support payment type.

Could you provide the number of referrals made under the pilot to various service providers including Disability and Open Employment Services, Rehabilitation services, and Job Network? Please provide national and state figures, and a breakdown by level of work capacity (as above).

What proportion of participants referred commenced in each service (according to the same breakdown as above)?

Answer:

The responses have been broken down to reflect the various sub-components to the question. They have been numbered for ease of reference.

Pilot participants are those job seekers who had an assessment during the Pilot. The data provided in the tables below should be interpreted in the context of the following notes:

- only those individuals with a recorded work capacity rating on Centrelink administrative systems are included. As work capacity ratings do not apply to JSCI Supplementary Assessments (JSAs), these have been excluded;
- for DSP New Claims and DSP Reviews, the work capacity rating shown is based on the future (6-24 months) work capacity with mainstream assistance;
- for NSA/YA(o) Incapacity Exemption claims, the work capacity shown is current work capacity with no assistance; and
- the data reflect the status of Pilot participants as at 15 July 2005.

1. What are the outcomes of the *Early Intervention and Engagement Pilot*?

A copy of the report of the *Early Intervention and Engagement Pilot* will be published by mid December on:

<http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Category/Publications/ProgrammeEvaluation/>.

2. Details of the assessments conducted during the pilot:

The number and proportion of (a) new applicants and (b) others assessed as:

- Able to work less than 15 hours per week
- Able to work 15 hours per week but less than 30 hours
- Able to work 30 or more hours per week

Broken down by:

- category of disability e.g. muscular skeletal, mental illness

Table One below represents Pilot participants who claimed the Disability Support Pension (DSP) and DSP recipients who underwent a review, by disability category and work capacity bandwidth.

Table One: Type of disability of Pilot participants by work capacity

Disability type	0-14 hours		15-29 hours		30+ hours		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
DSP New Claims								
Musculo Skeletal	141	63	31	14	52	23	224	100
Psychological	86	71	11	9	24	20	121	100
Other	101	61	20	12	44	27	165	100
Total	328	64	62	12	120	24	510	100
DSP Reviews								
Musculo Skeletal	26	81	5	16	1	3	32	100
Psychological	39	87	3	7	3	7	45	100
Other	17	85	2	10	3	15	22	100
Total	82	83	10	10	7	7	99	100

3. Details of the assessments conducted during the pilot:

The number and proportion of (a) new applicants and (b) others assessed as:

- Able to work less than 15 hours per week
- Able to work 15 hours per week but less than 30 hours
- Able to work 30 or more hours per week

Broken down by:

- State/Territory

Table Two below represents a count of Pilot participants by state ,work capacity bandwidth and Pilot assessment type (DSP New Claim; DSP Review and NSA/YA (o) Incapacitated).

Table Two: National distribution of Pilot participants by work capacity

State	0-14 hours		15-29 hours		30+ hours		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
DSP New Claims								
Vic	145	64	21	9	61	27	227	100
WA	117	70	33	20	17	10	167	100
Qld	66	57	8	7	42	36	116	100
Total	328	64	62	12	120	24	510	100
DSP Reviews								
Vic	4	50	3	38	1	13	8	100
WA	35	85	4	10	2	5	41	100
Qld	43	86	3	6	4	8	50	100
Total	82	83	10	10	7	7	99	100
NSA/YA(o) Incap Exemption claims								
Vic	276	87	6	2	36	11	318	100
WA	296	94	13	4	5	2	314	100
Qld	202	80	17	7	33	13	252	100
Total	774	88	36	4	74	8	884	100

4. Details of the assessments conducted during the pilot:

The number and proportion of (a) new applicants and (b) others assessed as:

- Able to work less than 15 hours per week
- Able to work 15 hours per week but less than 30 hours
- Able to work 30 or more hours per week

Broken down by:

- Age

Table Three below provides a count of pilot participants by work capacity bandwidth, age and Pilot assessment type (DSP New Claim; DSP Review and NSA/YA (o) Incapacitated).

Table Three: Age group distribution of Pilot participants by work capacity

Age	0-14 hours		15-29 hours		30+ hours		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
DSP New Claims								
15-24	30	58	4	8	18	35	52	100
25-34	31	60	4	8	17	33	52	100
35-39	30	59	6	12	15	29	51	100
40-49	61	62	17	17	21	21	99	100
50+	175	69	31	12	49	19	255	100
Total	328	64	62	12	120	24	510	100
DSP Reviews								
15-24	4	80	0	0	1	20	5	100
25-34	11	85	1	8	1	8	13	100
35-39	12	75	3	19	1	6	16	100
40-49	37	86	2	5	4	9	43	100
50+	18	82	4	18	0	0	22	100
Total	82	83	10	10	7	7	99	100
NSA/YA(o) Incap Exemption claims								
15-24	78	90	3	3	6	7	87	100
25-34	163	92	7	4	8	4	178	100
35-39	87	89	4	4	7	7	98	100
40-49	208	87	10	4	22	9	240	100
50+	232	85	12	4	29	11	273	100
Total	774	88	36	4	74	8	884	100

5. Details of the assessments conducted during the pilot:

The number and proportion of (a) new applicants and (b) others assessed as:

- Able to work less than 15 hours per week
- Able to work 15 hours per week but less than 30 hours
- Able to work 30 or more hours per week

Broken down by:

- Sex

Table Four below provides a count of pilot participants by work capacity, sex distribution and Pilot assessment type (DSP New Claim; DSP Review and NSA/YA (o) Incapacitated).

Table Four: Sex Distribution of Pilot participants by work capacity

Sex	0-14 hours		15-29 hours		30+ hours		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
DSP New Claims								
F	168	66	28	11	58	23	254	100
M	160	63	34	13	62	24	256	100
Total	328	64	62	12	120	24	510	100
DSP Reviews								
F	27	87	2	6	2	6	31	100
M	55	81	8	12	5	7	68	100
Total	82	83	10	10	7	7	99	100
NSA/YA(o) Incap Exemption claims								
F	334	91	11	3	22	6	367	100
M	440	85	25	5	52	10	517	100
Total	774	88	36	4	74	8	884	100

6. Details of the assessments conducted during the pilot:

The number and proportion of (a) new applicants and (b) others assessed as:

- Able to work less than 15 hours per week
- Able to work 15 hours per week but less than 30 hours
- Able to work 30 or more hours per week

Broken down by:

- Family status i.e. number of dependent children, sole parent or married family

Table Five below provides details of pilot participants' marital status, work capacity and Pilot assessment type (DSP New Claim; DSP Review and NSA/YA (o) Incapacitated). Table Six below provides details of pilot participants' work capacity, number of dependent children and Pilot assessment type (DSP New Claim; DSP Review and NSA/YA (o) Incapacitated).

Table Five: Family Status of Pilot participants by work capacity

Family status	0-14 hours		15-29 hours		30+ hours		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
DSP New Claims								
Partnered	151	69	24	11	44	20	219	100
Single	176	61	38	13	75	26	289	100
unknown	1	50	0	0	1	50	2	100
Total	328	64	62	12	120	24	510	100
DSP Reviews								
Partnered	23	82	5	18	0	0	28	100
Single	59	83	5	7	7	10	71	100
unknown	0		0		0		0	
Total	82	83	10	10	7	7	99	100
NSA/YA(o) Incap Exemption claims								
Partnered	190	88	11	5	15	7	216	100
Single	577	88	24	4	57	9	658	100
unknown	7	70	1	10	2	20	10	100
Total	774	88	36	4	74	8	884	100

Table Six: Number of dependent children of Pilot participants by work capacity

Dependent children	0-14 hours		15-29 hours		30+ hours		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
DSP New Claims								
None	269	65	51	12	96	23	416	100
1	24	65	4	11	9	24	37	100
2	20	57	7	20	8	23	35	100
3	10	59	0	0	7	41	17	100
4	2	100	0	0	0	0	2	100
5 or more	3	100	0	0	0	0	3	100
Total	328	64	62	12	120	24	510	100
DSP Reviews								
None	72	84	7	8	7	8	86	100
1	6	86	1	14	0	0	7	100
2	2	67	1	33	0	0	3	100
3	2	67	1	33	0	0	3	100
4	0		0		0		0	
5 or more	0		0		0		0	
Total	82	83	10	10	7	7	99	100
NSA/YA(o) Incap Exemption claims								
None	709	88	32	4	67	8	808	100
1	17	85	1	5	2	10	20	100
2	24	75	3	9	5	16	32	100
3	16	100	0	0	0	0	16	100
4	6	100	0	0	0	0	6	100
5 or more	2	100	0	0	0	0	2	100
Total	774	88	36	4	74	8	884	100

7. Details of the assessments conducted during the pilot:

The number and proportion of (a) new applicants and (b) others assessed as:

- Able to work less than 15 hours per week
- Able to work 15 hours per week but less than 30 hours
- Able to work 30 or more hours per week

Broken down by:

- Current income support type

Table Seven provides a count of Pilot participants by income support payment type, work capacity and Pilot assessment type (DSP New Claim; DSP Review and NSA/YA (o) Incapacitated). This table represents income support payments types for pilot participants as at 15th July 2005 (post pilot outcome).

Table Seven: Income Support payment at 15 July 2005 by work capacity (post pilot outcome)

Income Support Type	0-14 hours		15-29 hours		30+ hours		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
DSP New Claims								
Age Pension	0		0		0		0	
Carer Payment	0	0	0	0	4	100	4	100
DSP	284	91	26	8	3	1	313	100
Newstart	21	20	21	20	61	59	103	100
Parenting Payment Partnered	1	20	1	20	3	60	5	100
Parenting Payment Single	1	13	1	13	6	75	8	100
Partner Allowance	0	0	0	0	2	100	2	100
Sickness Allowance	1	14	0	0	6	86	7	100
Special Benefit	1	100	0	0	0	0	1	100
Widows Allowance	0	0	0	0	4	100	4	100
Wife Pension - DSP	1	100	0	0	0	0	1	100
Youth Allowance	2	25	0	0	6	75	8	100
Not on benefits	16	30	13	24	25	46	54	100
Total	328	64	62	12	120	24	510	100
DSP Reviews								
Age Pension	0		0		0		0	
Carer Payment	0		0		0		0	
DSP	81	86	10	11	3	3	94	100
Newstart	1	33	0	0	2	67	3	100
Parenting Payment Partnered	0		0		0		0	
Parenting Payment Single	0		0		0		0	
Partner Allowance	0		0		0		0	
Sickness Allowance	0		0		0		0	
Special Benefit	0		0		0		0	
Widows Allowance	0		0		0		0	
Wife Pension - DSP	0		0		0		0	
Youth Allowance	0		0		0		0	
Not on benefits	0	0	0	0	2	100	2	100
Total	82	83	10	10	7	7	99	100
NSA/YA(o) Incap Exemption claims								
Age Pension	2	100	0	0	0	0	2	100
Carer Payment	3	75	0	0	1	25	4	100
DSP	111	99	1	1	0	0	112	100
Newstart	605	86	32	5	68	10	705	100
Parenting Payment Partnered	1	100	0	0	0	0	1	100
Parenting Payment Single	0		0		0		0	
Partner Allowance	0		0		0		0	
Sickness Allowance	2	100	0	0	0	0	2	100
Special Benefit	0		0		0		0	
Widows Allowance	1	50	0	0	1	50	2	100
Wife Pension - DSP	0		0		0		0	
Youth Allowance	22	96	0	0	1	4	23	100
Not on benefits	27	82	3	9	3	9	33	100
Total	774	88	36	4	74	8	884	100

8. The number of referrals made under the pilot to various service providers including Disability and Open Employment Services, Rehabilitation services, and Job Network - national and state figures.

Table Eight provides an overview of pilot participant referral destinations by state and Pilot assessment type (DSP New Claim; DSP Reviews and NSA/YA (o) Incapacitated).

Table Eight: Referral destination of Pilot participants by State

Referral Type	Victoria		Western Australia		Queensland		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
DSP New Claims								
Not referred	136	43	108	34	76	24	320	100
DOES	12	39	12	39	7	23	31	100
Job Network	5	38	3	23	5	38	13	100
Personal Support Program	37	67	15	27	3	5	55	100
Vocational Rehabilitation	25	38	22	33	19	29	66	100
Other	12	48	7	28	6	24	25	100
Total	227	45	167	33	116	23	510	100
DSP Reviews								
Not referred	3	4	31	46	33	49	67	100
DOES	2	29	2	29	3	43	7	100
Job Network	0	0	1	33	2	67	3	100
Personal Support Program	3	25	2	17	7	58	12	100
Vocational Rehabilitation	0	0	4	57	3	43	7	100
Other	0	0	1	33	2	67	3	100
Total	8	8	41	41	50	51	99	100
NSA/YA(o) Incap Exemption claims								
Not referred	157	36	145	34	129	30	431	100
DOES	21	60	10	29	4	11	35	100
Job Network	36	33	38	35	34	31	108	100
Personal Support Program	41	39	41	39	23	22	105	100
Vocational Rehabilitation	54	30	69	39	55	31	178	100
Other	9	33	11	41	7	26	27	100
Total	318	36	314	36	252	29	884	100

9. The number of referrals made under the pilot to various service providers including Disability and Open Employment Services, Rehabilitation services, and Job Network - by level of work capacity.

Table Nine provides an overview of the pilot participant referral destinations, work capacity bandwidths, and Pilot assessment type (DSP New Claim, DSP Review and NSA/YA (o) Incapacitated).

Table Nine: Referral destination of Pilot participants by work capacity

Referral Type	0-14 hours		15-29 hours		30+ hours		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
DSP New Claims								
Not referred	233	73	30	9	57	18	320	100
DOES	19	61	6	19	6	19	31	100
Job Network	1	8	0	0	12	92	13	100
Personal Support Program	33	60	6	11	16	29	55	100
Vocational Rehabilitation	19	29	19	29	28	42	66	100
Other	23	92	1	4	1	4	25	100
Total	328	64	62	12	120	24	510	100
DSP Reviews								
Not referred	56	84	7	10	4	6	67	100
DOES	5	71	2	29	0	0	7	100
Job Network	1	33	1	33	1	33	3	100
Personal Support Program	11	92	0	0	1	8	12	100
Vocational Rehabilitation	7	100	0	0	0	0	7	100
Other	2	67	0	0	1	33	3	100
Total	82	83	10	10	7	7	99	100
NSA/YA(o) Incap Exemption claims								
Not referred	391	91	11	3	29	7	431	100
DOES	34	97	0	0	1	3	35	100
Job Network	67	62	7	6	34	31	108	100
Personal Support Program	101	96	2	2	2	2	105	100
Vocational Rehabilitation	154	87	16	9	8	4	178	100
Other	27	100	0	0	0	0	27	100
Total	774	88	36	4	74	8	884	100

10. The proportion of participants referred commenced in each service (according to the same breakdown as above).

Quantitative data on commencement rates for Pilot participants are not currently available.