

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

Additional Estimates 2007-08 – February 2008



**Question:** HS25b

**Outcome 1, Output 1.1**

**Topic:** Centrelink – Disability Support Pension

**Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice:** Written

**SENATOR SIEWERT** asked on 22/02/2008:

Please provide the data for the numbers of Disability Support Pension by employment status, payment status ('transitional group' and other), State?

**Answer:**

The answer to Senator Siewert's question is in the tables below:

**Employed**

State	Grandfathered	Transitional	New	Total
ACT	855	68	52	975
NSW	18,114	1,255	1,414	20,783
NT	342	35	44	421
QLD	11,460	886	1,048	13,394
SA	6,770	489	533	7,792
TAS	2,275	151	218	2,644
VIC	14,705	1,115	1,439	17,259
WA	6,990	488	503	7,981
Other	180	12	23	215
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,691</b>	<b>4,499</b>	<b>5,274</b>	<b>71,464</b>

**Not Employed**

State	Grandfathered	Transitional	New	Total	DSP Grand Total
ACT	4,813	511	738	6,062	7,037
NSW	166,245	17,054	28,696	211,995	232,778
NT	4,199	623	1,324	6,146	6,567
QLD	98,243	9,895	16,566	124,704	138,098
SA	49,159	5,210	8,043	62,412	70,204
TAS	18,329	1,605	2,737	22,671	25,315
VIC	123,074	12,861	22,240	158,175	175,434
WA	40,387	4,084	6,537	51,008	58,989
Other	10,985	715	1,113	12,813	13,028
<b>Total</b>	<b>515,434</b>	<b>52,558</b>	<b>87,994</b>	<b>655,986</b>	<b>727,450</b>

NB: Data is as at 29 February 2008 and represents point in time count of recipients with earnings from employment reported in the fortnight prior to extraction date.