

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES – 9 FEBRUARY 2010 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Disability Support Pension

**Question reference number:** HS 25(b)

**Senator:** BOYCE

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**Question:**

Senator BOYCE - Also, could that [DSP recipients who have a legal guardian and who move overseas and lose their pension as a result of staying overseas for more than 13 weeks] be split up into age recipients somehow?

**Answer:**

The numbers of Disability Support Pension recipients with a nominee who had their payment suspended or cancelled as a result of being overseas for more than 13 weeks since July 2008 are outlined in the following table.

Disability Support Pension Recipients with Nominee by Age Group *	2008-09 Financial Year		2009-10 Financial Year YTD as at 12/2/2010	
	Payment Suspended: recipient overseas at 13 weeks	Payment Cancelled: recipient overseas at 26 weeks	Payment Suspended: recipient overseas at 13 weeks	Payment Cancelled: recipient overseas at 26 weeks
16-20 years	36	10	24	3
21 years and over	574	164	504	73
Total	610	174	528	76

\* To conduct their business with Centrelink, customers can request the appointment of a third party to be a nominee for payment and/or correspondence purposes.