

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

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Senator: FIFIELD

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Question:

Senator FIFIELD - Would you have figures as to the number of DSP recipients who lose their pension as a result of staying overseas for more than 13 weeks regardless of whether they have a guardian?

Answer:

The following table outlines the number of Disability Support Pension (DSP) recipients who have had their pension cancelled or stopped as a result of staying overseas for more than 13 weeks since July 2008.

	2008-09 Financial Year		2009-10 Financial Year YTD as at 12/2/2010	
	Payments Suspended: overseas at 13 weeks	Payments Cancelled: overseas at 26 weeks	Payments Suspended: overseas at 13 weeks	Payments Cancelled: overseas at 26 weeks
Total DSP recipients who were overseas and had their payment cancelled or suspended	4,060	1,006	3,547	448