

**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 63

**Senator:** FIFIELD

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**Question:**

- a) How many people have received (granted) Disability Support Pension each month since October 2009?
- b) How many people applied (claimed) for Disability Support Pension each month since October 2009?
- c) How many were transferred to the Disability Support Pension from other income support payments since October 2009?
- d) How many people were suspended from Disability Support Pension each month since the start of the new financial year?
- e) How many people left the Disability Support Pension each month since October 2009?
- f) How many of those who left the Disability Support Pension went on to other payments since October 2009 and which payments were they transferred to?

**Answer:**

a)

<b>Period</b>	<b>Number granted Disability Support Pension</b>
24 October 2009 – 20 November 2009	6,861
21 November 2009 – 18 December 2009	7,770
19 December 2009 – 15 January 2010	6,098
16 January 2010 – 12 February 2010	7,336

Source: Centrelink Supercross Common Events

b)

<b>Period</b>	<b>Number claimed Disability Support Pension</b>
24 October 2009 – 20 November 2009	16,069
21 November 2009 – 18 December 2009	17,282
19 December 2009 – 15 January 2010	14,193
16 January 2010 – 12 February 2010	18,466

Source: Centrelink Cognos Prism Claims registered.

c)

Payment type prior to transfer	Number of Customers Transferring to DSP		
	30 October 2009 – 27 November 2009	28 November 2009 – 25 December 2009	26 December 2009 – 29 January 2010
Newstart Allowance	3,565	3,787	4,190
Parenting Payment	434	440	512
Youth Allowance	232	242	264
Widow Allowance	135	152	130
Other	336	329	337
Total	4,702	4,950	5,433

Source: By FaHCSIA from DEEWR bluebook dataset

d)

Period	Number Disability Support Pension customers suspended
4 July 2009 – 31 July 2009	4,570
1 August 2009 – 28 August 2009	4,805
29 August 2009 – 25 September 2009	5,295
26 September 2009 – 23 October 2009	4,671
24 October 2009 – 20 November 2009	4,597
21 November 2009 – 18 December 2009	5,015
19 December 2009 – 15 January 2010	4,511
16 January 2010 – 12 February 2010	4,981

Source: Centrelink Supercross Common Events

e)

Period	Number left Disability Support Pension
30 October 2009 – 27 November 2009	3,752
28 November 2009 – 25 December 2009	3,544
26 December 2009 – 29 January 2010	5,541

Source: By FaHCSIA from DEEWR bluebook dataset

f)

Payment at end of period	Number of DSP Customers Moving to Other Payments		
	30 October 2009 – 27 November 2009	28 November 2009 – 25 December 2009	26 December 2009 – 29 January 2010
Age Pension	1,545	1,408	2,970
Newstart Allowance	48	58	45
Carer Payment	45	44	38
Other	45	47	45
Total	1,683	1,557	3,098

Source: By FaHCSIA from DEEWR bluebook dataset