

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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**Question: HS86**

**Outcome 1, Output Group 1.1**

**Topic: Centrelink – Disability support pension customers**

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**SENATOR EVANS** asked on 26 May 2005:

- (1) For the 2002, 2003 and 2004 calendar years, please indicate the number of people in receipt of disability support pension.
- (2) How many people were on the DSP as at 10 May 2005?
- (3) Please provide a full breakdown of these figures by age, gender, state/territory and federal electorate.

**Answer:**

Centrelink administers the Disability Support Pension program on behalf of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

(1) The table below shows the number of customers on Disability Support Pension at the dates indicated.

<b>As at</b>	<b>Number</b>
<b>June 2002</b>	658,915
<b>June 2003</b>	673,334
<b>June 2004</b>	696,742

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(2) As at 10 May 2005 there were 707,432 customers in receipt of Disability Support Pension.

(3)(a) The table below shows the age breakup of customers on Disability Support Pension at the dates indicated.

<b>Age</b>	<b>June 2002</b>	<b>June 2003</b>	<b>June 2004</b>	<b>10 May 2005</b>
<b>&lt;20</b>	16,084	15,848	16,831	17,321
<b>20-&lt;30</b>	55,419	56,894	58,668	59,864
<b>30-&lt;40</b>	88,243	89,402	90,893	91,751
<b>40-&lt;50</b>	140,277	144,032	148,962	151,602
<b>50-&lt;60</b>	231,045	235,881	239,733	242,090
<b>60+</b>	127,847	131,277	141,655	144,804

(3)(b) The table below shows the gender breakup of customers on Disability Support Pension at the dates indicated.

<b>Gender</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>10 May 2005</b>
<b>Female</b>	252,022	260,557	277,913	286,579
<b>Male</b>	406,893	412,777	418,829	420,853

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(3)(c) The table below shows the State / Territory breakup of customers on Disability Support Pension at the dates indicated.

<b>STATE</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>13 May 2005</b>
<b>ACT</b>	6,626	6,787	6,974	7,100
<b>NSW</b>	214,657	217,491	225,361	227,302
<b>NT</b>	5,190	5,280	5,703	5,970
<b>QLD</b>	124,091	128,670	134,166	135,694
<b>SA</b>	62,421	63,890	66,243	67,582
<b>TAS</b>	22,980	23,711	26,924	25,002
<b>VIC</b>	152,791	156,729	165,335	168,987
<b>WA</b>	54,464	55,679	58,682	59,784
<b>NOT CODED</b>	15,695	15,097	7,354	10,011

Note: In most cases the code 'Not Coded' indicates that the customer is overseas.

(3)(d) This information can be found at

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/publications/index.htm>