

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 27 May 2010 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Question:

- a) How many people are currently receiving Disability Support Pension?
 - i. How many are male / female
 - ii. How many by age group
 - iii. How many by medical category
 - iv. How many by medical category by age and gender
- b) How many people have received (granted) Disability Support Pension each month since February 2010?
- c) How many people applied (claimed) for Disability Support Pension each month since February 2010?
- d) How many people have been transferred to the Disability Support Pension from other income support payments since February 2010 and from which payment?
- e) How many people transferred from the Disability Support Pension to another income support payment since February 2010 and which payment?
- f) How many people have left Disability Support Pension permanently since February 2010 and not moved to another income support payment?
- g) What is the current expenditure on Disability Support Pension month by month since February 2010?

Answer:

- a) As at 28 May 2010, 790,213 individuals were receiving Disability Support Pension (DSP).
 - i. As at 28 May 2010, there were 432,432 males and 357,781 females receiving DSP.

- ii. As at 28 May 2010, the following table shows how many people, by age group, were in receipt of DSP.

AGE	Number of Customers
15-19	19,735
20-24	31,079
25-29	35,565
30-34	40,715
35-39	55,922
40-44	70,746
45-49	92,622
50-54	113,288
50-59	137,309
60-64	177,004
65+	16,228
Total	790,213

- iii. As at 28 May 2010, the following table indicates how many people, by primary medical condition, were in receipt of DSP.

Medical category	Number of Customers
Musculoskeletal & connective tissue	231,285
Psychological/psychiatric	226,443
Intellectual/learning	91,427
Nervous system	37,972
Circulatory system	36,567
Respiratory system	22,090
Sense organs	21,076
Acquired brain impairment	19,048
Endocrine & immune system	17,881
Other	86,424
Total	790,213

iv. As at 28 May 2010, the following table shows how many people, were in receipt of DSP by medical category, age and gender.

DSP recipients– standard definitions (all ages) by sex, age groups and primary medical condition

Column 1 – Musculoskeletal & Connective Tissue
 Column 2 – Psychological / Psychiatric
 Column 3 – Intellectual / Learning
 Column 4 – Nervous System
 Column 5 – Circulatory System
 Column 6 – Respiratory System
 Column 7 – Sense Organs
 Column 8 – Acquired Brain Impairment
 Column 9 – Endocrine & Immune System
 Column 10 – Other

Age	Total Female	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
15-19	7,540	240	1,301	4,104	597	47	36	341	95	55	724
20-24	12,986	597	3,205	5,927	807	111	81	530	199	158	1,371
25-29	14,952	955	4,901	5,201	903	147	122	538	276	213	1,696
30-34	16,841	1,584	6,689	3,900	1,105	201	155	596	347	327	1,937
35-39	23,873	3,288	9,587	3,799	1,531	357	309	745	513	496	3,248
40-44	30,996	5,831	12,005	3,758	1,866	623	583	936	569	733	4,092
45-49	42,692	10,502	14,993	3,736	2,484	1,071	1,111	1,058	822	1,029	5,886
50-54	55,568	17,545	16,805	3,390	3,049	1,878	1,885	1,373	955	1,457	7,231
55-59	68,165	27,393	16,486	2,580	3,297	3,133	2,772	1,647	994	1,852	8,011
60-64	79,078	37,678	14,488	1,747	3,533	4,348	3,776	1,860	907	1,958	8,783
65+	5,090	2,067	904	188	255	295	204	171	89	116	801
Total	357,781	107,680	101,364	38,330	19,427	12,211	11,034	9,795	5,766	8,394	43,780

Age	Total Male	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
15-19	12,195	213	3,349	6,324	774	52	36	414	164	51	818
20-24	18,093	589	5,181	8,784	915	114	84	630	454	82	1,260
25-29	20,613	1,051	8,132	7,383	886	112	116	651	674	138	1,470
30-34	23,874	2,051	11,479	5,320	1,175	227	134	649	870	220	1,749
35-39	32,049	4,556	14,493	5,199	1,363	375	225	817	1,283	543	3,195
40-44	39,750	8,185	15,997	5,132	1,742	702	441	1,006	1,538	893	4,114
45-49	49,930	13,710	17,262	4,921	2,096	1,460	779	1,164	1,807	1,356	5,375
50-54	57,720	18,879	16,900	4,032	2,455	2,866	1,403	1,304	1,950	1,633	6,298
55-59	69,144	26,754	15,728	3,243	2,838	5,531	2,505	1,709	2,033	1,897	6,906
60-64	97,926	43,467	15,243	2,468	3,818	11,713	4,832	2,548	2,222	2,445	9,170
65+	11,138	4,150	1,315	291	483	1,204	501	389	287	229	2,289
Total	432,432	123,605	125,079	53,097	18,545	24,356	11,056	11,281	13,282	9,487	42,644

Age	Total Male & Female	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
15-19	19,735	453	4,650	10,428	1,371	99	72	755	259	106	1,542
20-24	31,079	1,186	8,386	14,711	1,722	225	165	1,160	653	240	2,631
25-29	35,565	2,006	13,033	12,584	1,789	259	238	1,189	950	351	3,166
30-34	40,715	3,635	18,168	9,220	2,280	428	289	1,245	1,217	547	3,686
35-39	55,922	7,844	24,080	8,998	2,894	732	534	1,562	1,796	1,039	6,443
40-44	70,746	14,016	28,002	8,890	3,608	1,325	1,024	1,942	2,107	1,626	8,206
45-49	92,622	24,212	32,255	8,657	4,580	2,531	1,890	2,222	2,629	2,385	11,261
50-54	113,288	36,424	33,705	7,422	5,504	4,744	3,288	2,677	2,905	3,090	13,529
55-59	137,309	54,147	32,214	5,823	6,135	8,664	5,277	3,356	3,027	3,749	14,917
60-64	177,004	81,145	29,731	4,215	7,351	16,061	8,608	4,408	3,129	4,403	17,953
65+	16,228	6,217	2,219	479	738	1,499	705	560	376	345	3,090
Total	790,213	231,285	226,443	91,427	37,972	36,567	22,090	21,076	19,048	17,881	86,424

Source – Centrelink administrative data
a) Includes cancer, chronic pain, congenital anomalies, etc.

- b) The following table shows how many people have received (granted) DSP each month from February to May 2010.

Period End	Granted
February 2010	7,085
March 2010	7,059
April 2010	8,891
May 2010	7,684
Total	30,719

Sourced Centrelink Administrative data - COGNOS Customer Events data

⁹⁶ Note: April 2010 had 5 weeks hence the larger number of events

- c) The following table shows how many people applied (claimed) for DSP for each month from 13 February to 4 June 2010.

Period End	Claimed
13 Feb - 12 March 2010	19,846
13 March - 9 April 2010	19,255
10 April - 7 May 2010	19,252
8 May - 4 June 2010	19,821
Total	78,174

Sourced Centrelink Administrative data - COGNOS Customer Events data

- d) The following table shows how many people have transferred to the DSP from other income support payments since February 2010 and payment type.

Payment at start of period	29 Jan – 26 Feb 2010	27 Feb – 26 March 2010	27 March – 30 April 2010	1 - 28 May 2010
Newstart Allowance	3,637	3,638	4,556	3,896
Parenting Payments	363	388	497	423
Youth Allowances	259	227	296	264
Widow Allowance	103	94	151	135
Other Payments	299	312	361	353
Total	4,661	4,659	5,861	5,071

Sourced from the Department of Education, Employment, and Workplace Relations bluebook dataset

- e) The following table shows how many people transferred from DSP to another income support payment since February 2010 and payment type.

Payment Type at End of Period	29 Jan – 26 Feb 2010	27 Feb – 26 March 2010	27 March – 30 April 2010	1 - 28 May 2010
Age Pension	2,498	2,779	3,916	2,991
Newstart Allowance	40	41	65	42
Carer Payment	51	49	54	52
Other Payments	43	44	78	48
Total	2,632	2,913	4,113	3,133

Sourced from the Department of Education, Employment, and Workplace Relations bluebook dataset

- f) For the period 29 January to 28 May 2010 - 8,972 people have left DSP permanently and have not moved to another income support payment.

Sourced from the Department of Education, Employment, and Workplace Relations bluebook dataset

- g) The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is unable to provide “monthly” DSP expenditure. Expenditure for the 2008-09 financial year was \$10,918,088,000.

Sourced from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Annual Report 2008-09