

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.8 Income Support for People with Disability Question No: SQ17-000063**

**Topic: Welfare Reviews**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert asked:**

For those that have been reviewed, how many are reporting earnings in both categories, under 35 and over 35?

**Answer:**

*Under 35*

At 30 December 2016, following the Disability Support Pension (DSP) Under 35 Review, there were a total of 24,158 recipients who were under 35 and had a completed review into their payment.

Of this cohort, as at 30 December 2016, 3,710 recipients (or 15.4 per cent) reported earnings in the last fortnight. A further 1,656 recipients were no longer receiving an income support payment at 30 December 2016. The reason for exiting payment is not identified in the data but could include employment.

*Over 35*

At 30 December 2016, there were a total of 2,733 DSP recipients who were over 35 and had a completed review into their payment.

Of this cohort, 235 recipients (or 8.7 per cent) reported earnings in the last fortnight. A further 18 recipients were no longer receiving an income support payment at 30 December 2016. The reason for exiting payment is not identified in the data but could include employment.