

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**2010-11 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No: 131**

**Topic:** National disability parking permits scheme

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**Senator Fifield** asked:

Please provide an update on how the implementation of the national Disability Parking Permit Scheme is progressing. How many people have received their new permits?

**Answer:**

All state and territory governments, except Victoria, have completed or have advised that they are on schedule to complete the roll-out of the Australian Disability Parking Permit to existing permit holders with greater than six months remaining on their current permit, by the end of 2010. To avoid issuing new permits for a short time period, those people with less than six months remaining on their current permit will receive the new national permit when they go through the normal renewal process. The Victorian Government is yet to confirm its arrangements for rolling-out the new permit.

As at 8 November 2010, some 450,000 Australian Disability Parking Permits had been dispatched to individual and organisational permit holders.

State and territory governments will introduce the new national eligibility criteria once they are able to make the necessary changes in their local laws and regulations.

The National Transport Commission is managing the process to amend the Australian Road Rules so they reflect the minimum standards for disability parking concessions agreed by Disability Ministers in June 2010. It is planned that the recommendations for these changes will be considered by the Australian Transport Council in 2011.