

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 223

Topic: DSP Eligibility

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Senator Siewert asked:

For each of the quarters from 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2012, provide details of the reasons new claims have been rejected.

Answer:

The table below provides the number of Disability Support Pension claim rejections by reason for each quarter 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2012.

| Rejection reason | 1 Jul to 30 Sep 2011 | 1 Oct to 31 Dec 2011 | 1 Jan to 31 Mar 2012 | 1 Apr to 30 June 2012 | 1 Jul to 30 Sep 2012 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Disability is short term | 7,342 | 1,825 | 695 | 642 | 551 |
| Less than 20 points impaired | 4,845 | 3,933 | 5,223 | 6,778 | 6,466 |
| Medical conditions not fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised * | 305 | 4,845 | 6,368 | 7,754 | 7,155 |
| Failed to supply requested Information | 2,291 | 2,374 | 2,159 | 2,000 | 1,924 |
| Excess Income | 583 | 548 | 443 | 393 | 389 |
| Fail to attend assessment/med exam | 368 | 318 | 376 | 411 | 439 |
| Manifest - temporary | 351 | 354 | 389 | 349 | 310 |
| Residence Related | 252 | 251 | 216 | 190 | 210 |
| Compensation related | 268 | 234 | 179 | 166 | 143 |
| >20% impaired/can work 15+ hrs p/w | 324 | 210 | 113 | 44 | 36 |
| >20% impaired/reskill 15+ hrs p/w | 283 | 168 | 73 | 45 | 46 |
| Has not actively participated in a program of support (POS) * | 12 | 226 | 491 | 685 | 744 |
| Other | 696 | 508 | 578 | 559 | 583 |
| Total | 17,920 | 15,794 | 17,303 | 20,016 | 18,996 |

* New rejection reason introduced in September 2011