

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

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Question:

For the Disability Support Pension in 2014-15, provide the number and per cent of claims, rejections, and grants, provide details of the top five reasons why claims were rejected.

Answer:

Table 1: Disability Support Pension New Claims 2014–15

	Number of claims	Per cent of claims
New claims assessed (grants and rejections)	112,482	
New Claims Granted	41,832	37% of all new claims assessed
New Claims Rejected	70,650	63% of all new claims assessed

Table 2: Top 5 Disability Support Pension Claim Rejection Reasons 2014–15

	Rejection reason	Number of claims
1	Less than 20 points Impairment Rating	24,412
2	Medical condition not fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised	21,236
3	Failure to reply to correspondence	9,929
4	Temporary condition	4,840
5	Program of Support not met	3,254
	TOTAL	63,671