

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome 4

DEEWR Question No. EW495_10

Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

Disability Employment Network

Please provide the breakdown by primary disability by number and percentage of the DEN caseload for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009?

Answer

The following table sets out the distribution of Disability Employment Network (DEN) participants from 2006 to 2009 by their recorded primary disability type as at 30 June each year. These figures are sourced from DEEWR information systems, following the program's move from the (then) Family and Community Services portfolio. Client data for previous years was collected through an annual census of providers. Due to this break in data series, figures prior to 2005-06 are not directly comparable with those for later years. Disability Services Census reports are available from the web site of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs at:

http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/disability/pubs/policy/Pages/services-census_reports.aspx

Number and proportion of DEN participants by primary disability type

As at 30 June	2006	2007		2008		2009	
		Capped	Uncapped	Capped	Uncapped	Capped	Uncapped
Psychiatric	9,299	9,516	2,240	9,950	4,973	10,460	7,419
	25.5%	26.8%	33.5%	27.7%	37.5%	28.8%	41.9%
Intellectual	8,881	7,837	254	7,715	490	7,660	537
	24.4%	22.1%	3.8%	21.4%	3.7%	21.1%	3.0%
Physical	5,943	6,444	2,807	7,077	5,326	6,795	6,751
	16.3%	18.1%	42.0%	19.7%	40.2%	18.7%	38.1%
Specific learning/ ADD	4,208	4,087	553	4,046	1,014	3,904	1,163
	11.6%	11.5%	8.3%	11.2%	7.7%	10.8%	6.6%
Autism	1,405	1,439	103	1,725	207	2,005	282
	3.9%	4.1%	1.5%	4.8%	1.6%	5.5%	1.6%
Hearing	1,584	1,537	163	1,488	300	1,376	345
	4.3%	4.3%	2.4%	4.1%	2.3%	3.8%	1.9%
Vision	1,379	1,273	86	1,175	185	1,248	216
	3.8%	3.6%	1.3%	3.3%	1.4%	3.4%	1.2%
Acquired brain injury	1,302	1,178	130	1,193	233	1,241	288
	3.6%	3.3%	1.9%	3.3%	1.8%	3.4%	1.6%
Neurological	932	978	148	1,062	303	1,124	346
	2.6%	2.8%	2.2%	3.0%	2.3%	3.1%	2.0%
Speech	175	192	24	196	35	184	42
	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%
Disability not Recorded	307	336	63	109	43	84	83
	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%
Disability Unknown	1,001	691	109	242	144	183	231
	2.7%	1.9%	1.6%	0.7%	1.1%	0.5%	1.3%
Total	36,416	35,508	6,680	35,978	13,253	36,264	17,703

Source - DEEWR systems.