

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 250

Topic: Disability Support Pension

Hansard Page: written

Senator Siewert asked:

Disability Support Pension recipients

1. When the changes to DSP were introduced there was the main qualification criteria in s94 and there was an “alternative” qualification criteria that would not apply to anyone until at least 2 years after the introduction of the welfare to work changes.

More than two years have passed and I would like to know how many people, if any, have been granted DSP under the “alternative” qualification provision in s94A.

Disability Support Pension recipients profile

2. For the financial year ending June 2010 please provide the following information on Disability Support Pension recipients (shown in tables with numbers, percentages and total):
 1. Disability Support Pension recipients by age and gender;
 2. Disability Support Pension recipients geographic state and gender;
 3. Disability Support Pension recipients Support Pension recipients by main country of birth and gender;
 4. Disability Support Pension recipients by marital status and gender;
 5. Disability Support Pension recipients and home ownership and age;
 6. Disability Support Pension recipients and home ownership and age;
 7. Disability Support Pension recipients by medical condition;
 8. Disability Support Pension recipients by medical condition and gender;
 9. Disability Support Pension recipients by medical condition and gender as a percentage of total;
 10. Disability Support Pension recipients by medical condition by age - Psychological/Psychiatric
 11. Disability Support Pension recipients by medical condition by age- Musculo-skeletal/Connective tissue;
 12. Disability Support Pension recipients by medical condition by age – Intellectual/Learning Disabilities;
 13. Disability Support Pension recipients by duration on income support by gender;
 14. Disability Support Pension recipients by duration on income support by gender and age;
 15. Disability Support Pension recipients by age and gender;

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16. New grants and current clients by medical condition, June 2009 to June 2010;
17. New claims rejected by gender, June 2009 to June 2010;
18. People entering onto Disability Support June 2009 to June 2010 – which payments were people previously on, or not on income support at all.
19. Disability Support Pension – clients exiting payment – where did people go – e.g. Age Pension, deceased, non-client, etc.

Answer:

Disability Support Pension recipients

Centrelink data does not differentiate between those granted under the ‘alternative’ DSP qualification provision (section 94A), which allows people who were previously rejected for DSP to be granted after undertaking training activities for two years, and those granted under section 94 of the *Social Security Act 1991*.

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Data for the financial year ending June 2010 will be published in the *Characteristics of Disability Support Pension Recipients 2010* report which will be available on the FaHCSIA website as soon as the collation and quality assurance of the data is complete.