

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 5

**Question No:** 182

**Topic:** Impairment Tables

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Fifield** asked:

Will any assessments or evaluations conducted by FaHCSIA into the impact of the new impairment tables include an analysis of the effect on people with disability from a Non-English Speaking Background?

Will the findings of any such assessments or evaluations be made public?

**Answer:**

The revised Impairment Tables apply to all people claiming the Disability Support Pension on or after 1 January 2012.

An evaluation framework is being developed. The Disability Support Pension Advisory Group is being consulted in the process of developing the framework.