

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

Topic: Disability Support Pension – “program of support” rules

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Question:

- a) Provide an age breakdown of those subject to the Program of Support (POS) measure at 31 December 2013.
- b) Provide a breakdown of the main medical conditions of those impacted by the Program of Support (POS) rules since 11 September 2011.

Answer:

- a) An age breakdown of those subject to the Program of Support (POS) at a fixed date of 31 December 2013 cannot be extracted from the department’s management information systems.

Such data would provide a snapshot of claims assessed on the day, rather than provide an indication of the number of customers who might be undertaking a Program of Support for a period that included 31 December 2013.

The department has provided data for all customers assessed for Program of Support for the period 3 September 2011 to 31 December 2013.

Note that Program of Support requirements are assessed after a claimant has satisfied other DSP eligibility criteria including having a fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised condition and a score of 20 points or greater on the *Tables for the Assessment of Work-related Impairment for Disability Support Pension*.

Table 1 shows DSP customers assessed for the Program of Support (POS) by customer age for the period 3 September 2011 to 31 December 2013.

Age	POS assessed - not actively participating in POS	POS assessed - actively participating in POS	Total
16	<20	<20	<20
17	np	<20	41
18	np	<20	37
19	np	<20	32
20	<20	<20	33
21	<20	<20	31
22	<20	np	36

Age	POS assessed - not actively participating in POS	POS assessed - actively participating in POS	Total
23	25	29	54
24	<20	np	36
25	<20	np	40
26	np	<20	41
27	20	28	48
28	<20	np	39
29	<20	np	47
30	<20	np	54
31	<20	np	40
32	20	34	54
33	24	37	61
34	30	41	71
35	32	40	72
36	37	49	86
37	43	65	108
38	61	50	111
39	40	77	117
40	62	80	142
41	75	113	188
42	75	118	193
43	90	112	202
44	80	113	193
45	93	118	211
46	96	128	224
47	120	130	250
48	116	144	260
49	130	167	297
50	139	180	319
51	139	199	338
52	177	218	395
53	182	217	399
54	215	226	441
55	212	227	439
56	265	252	517
57	272	261	533
58	295	263	558
59	337	242	579
60	405	312	717
61	438	319	757
62	439	317	756
63	477	322	799
64	448	293	741
65	192	126	318
66	36	22	58
71	<20	<20	<20
Total	6,190	5,937	12,127

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b) Table 2 provides data on DSP customers assessed for POS by primary medical condition for the period 3 September 2011 to 31 December 2013.

Primary Medical Condition	POS assessed - not actively participating	POS assessed - actively participating	Total
Neurodegenerative Disorder – Other	38	32	70
Cancer/Tumour - Other	np	<20	43
Not Specified	<20	<20	<20
Amputation - Above Elbow	<20	<20	<20
Amputation - Above Knee	<20	<20	<20
Amputation - Below Elbow	<20	<20	<20
Amputation - Below Knee	<20	<20	21
Arnold-Chiari Syndrome	<20	<20	<20
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	<20	<20	<20
Alcohol Dependence	<20	np	76
Cancer - Leukaemia (Acute)	<20	<20	<20
Autosomal Recessive Muscular Dystrophy	<20	<20	<20
Anxiety	35	50	85
Asperger's Disorder	<20	<20	24
Asthma	33	31	64
Atopic Dermatitis	<20	<20	<20
Ataxia Telangiectasia	<20	<20	<20
Autistic Disorder	<20	<20	<20
Anorexia Nervosa	<20	<20	<20
Bursitis, Capsulitis and Tendonitis	<20	<20	33
Urinary Tract Disorders (including Bladder)	<20	<20	<20
Blind - Both Eyes	<20	<20	<20
Blind - One Eye	<20	<20	24
Cancer/Tumour - Bone	<20	<20	<20
Cancer/Tumour - Bowel	<20	<20	<20
Bi Polar Affective (Manic Depression)	23	43	66
Cancer/Tumour - Brain	np	<20	46
Bronchitis	<20	<20	<20
Cancer/Tumour - Breast	np	<20	57
Burns and their Effects	<20	<20	<20
Coronary Artery Disease	38	28	66
Cataracts	<20	<20	<20
Cerebral Palsy	39	27	66
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	34	30	64

Primary Medical Condition	POS assessed - not actively participating	POS assessed - actively participating	Total
Congenital Heart Disease	<20	<20	<20
Hearing Loss - Complete	<20	<20	<20
Chronic Pain	121	105	226
Congenital Limb Deformity	<20	<20	<20
Cancer - Leukaemia (Chronic)	<20	<20	<20
Speech Disorder - Complete Loss	<20	<20	<20
Chronic Obstructive Airways Disease	54	73	127
Coeliac Disease	<20	<20	<20
Coffin-Lowry Syndrome	<20	<20	<20
Chronic Pulmonary Heart Disease	<20	<20	20
Crohns Disease	<20	<20	24
Curvature Of The Spine	<20	<20	<20
Carpel Tunnel Syndrome	21	35	56
Cystic Fibrosis	<20	<20	<20
Deaf-Blindness	<20	<20	<20
Depression	227	373	600
Drug Dependence	<20	np	89
Muscular Dystrophy - Duchenne/Becker	<20	<20	<20
Diverticular Disease	<20	<20	<20
Down Syndrome	<20	<20	<20
Epilepsy – Generalised - Absence Seizure (Petit Mal)	<20	<20	<20
Epilepsy – Partial - Complex Seizure	<20	<20	23
Eczema	<20	<20	<20
Epilepsy – Generalised - Grand Mal Seizure (Tonic-Clonic)	22	29	51
Emphysema	<20	<20	32
Endometriosis	<20	<20	<20
Epilepsy – Generalised - Myoclonic Seizure	<20	<20	<20
Epilepsy – Partial - Simple Seizure	<20	<20	<20
Friedreich's Ataxia	<20	<20	<20
Fibromyalgia	83	73	156
Fractures and Crush Injuries	55	58	113
Gastroenterological Condition	<20	<20	21
Guillain Barre Syndrome	<20	<20	<20
Glaucoma	<20	<20	<20
Gout	<20	<20	33
Haemophilia	<20	<20	<20
Cancer - Hodgkin's/Non Hodgkin's Disease	<20	<20	<20
Hyperthyroidism	<20	<20	<20
Hypothyroidism	<20	<20	<20
Hepatitis B	<20	<20	<20
Hepatitis C	<20	<20	30
Hepatitis D – H	<20	<20	<20
Hemiplegia (Paralysis)	<20	<20	25
Hypertension	<20	<20	32

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Hernia	<20	<20	<20
Huntington's Chorea	<20	<20	<20
HIV Category 3	<20	<20	<20
HIV/Aids Category 4	<20	<20	<20
HIV/Aids	<20	<20	<20
Irritable Bowel Syndrome	<20	<20	<20
Diabetes - Insulin Dependent	109	95	204
Ischaemic Heart Disease	121	111	232
Immunodeficiency	np	<20	37
Infections of the Nervous System	<20	<20	<20
Intellectual Disability	<20	np	27
Intervertebral Disc Disorder	106	120	226
Kidney Disorders	27	21	48
Lower Limb Deficiencies	329	310	639
Cancer/Tumour - Lung	<20	<20	<20
Lupus	37	24	61
Learning Disability	<20	np	30
Cancer/Tumour - Larynx	<20	<20	<20
Low Vision - Both Eyes	<20	<20	<20
Liver Disorder (Including Cirrhosis, but not Hepatitis)	<20	<20	20
Low Vision - One Eye	<20	<20	<20
Cancer/Tumour - Liver	<20	<20	<20
Congenital Abnormalities - Multiple	<20	<20	<20
Migraine	24	33	57
Motor Neurone Disease	<20	<20	<20
Meniere's Disease	<20	<20	<20
Morbid Obesity	<20	np	43
Mitochondrial Respiratory Chain Disorder	<20	<20	<20
Multiple Sclerosis	102	71	173
Myocardial Infarction (Heart Attack)	<20	<20	23
Neck Disorder	134	138	272
Diabetes - Non Insulin Dependent	50	50	100
Arthritis - Other	194	150	344
Congenital Abnormality - Other	<20	<20	34
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	<20	<20	<20
Chromosomal/Syndromic Condition - Other	<20	<20	<20
Circulatory System - Other e.g. Vasculitis	194	159	353
Endocrine System Dysfunction - Other	<20	<20	<20
Gynaecological Disorder - Other	<20	<20	<20
Musculo-Skeletal Disorder and Connective Tissue Disorders - Other	167	146	313
Myopathy -Other	<20	<20	21
Neurometabolic Condition - Other	<20	<20	<20
Nerve Root Compression - Other	<20	<20	<20
Nervous System - Other	38	33	71

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Oesophageal Disorder	<20	<20	<20
Psychiatric Condition - Other	130	198	328
Reproductive Problem - Other	<20	<20	<20
Respiratory Disorder - Other	52	36	88
Skin Disorders and Burns - Other	<20	<20	25
Osteogenesis Imperfecta	<20	<20	<20
Osteomyelitis	<20	<20	<20
Osteoporosis	27	22	49
Cancer/Tumour - Oesophagus	<20	<20	<20
Osteoarthritis	819	618	1,437
Cancer/Tumour - Ovarian	<20	<20	<20
Pancreatic Disorder	<20	<20	<20
Parkinson's Disease	58	38	96
Phobias	<20	<20	<20
Hearing Loss - Partial	40	48	88
Polyarticular Course Juvenile Arthritis	<20	<20	<20
Phenylketonuria	<20	<20	<20
Poliomyelitis	<20	<20	20
Paraplegia (Paralysis)	<20	<20	20
Psoriasis	<20	<20	<20
Cancer/Tumour - Prostate	<20	<20	26
Psychotic	<20	<20	<20
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	35	36	71
Peripheral Vascular Disease	<20	<20	27
Personality Disorder	<20	<20	<20
Quadriplegia (Paralysis)	<20	<20	<20
Rectal Disorder	<20	<20	<20
Rotator Cuff Injury	np	<20	37
Rheumatoid Arthritis	245	143	388
Cancer/Tumour - Renal	<20	<20	<20
Renal Tract Disorders	<20	<20	<20
Regional Pain Syndrome	<20	<20	21
Schizophrenia	<20	np	39
Senile Dementia	<20	<20	<20
Cancer/Tumour - Skin	<20	<20	<20
Sjogren-Larsson Syndrome	<20	<20	<20
Spinal Muscular Atrophy	<20	<20	<20
Mod/Severe Multiple Disability -Mobility	<20	<20	<20
Sciatica - Nerve Root Compression	<20	<20	29
Spina Bifida	<20	<20	<20
Spondylosis	75	63	138
Speech Disorder - Other	<20	<20	<20
Spinal Disorder - Other	1049	958	2007
Sprains And Strains	<20	<20	<20
Cancer/Tumour - Sarcoma	<20	<20	<20
Cancer/Tumour - Stomach	<20	<20	<20

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Stomach Disorder (e.g. Ulcer)	<20	<20	<20
Speech Disorder - Stuttering	<20	<20	<20
Shoulder and Upper Arm Disorder	237	255	492
Synovitis, Tenosynovitis and Occupational Overuse Syndrome	<20	<20	<20
Brain Injury - Traumatic	113	123	236
Chronic Transfusion Dependent Anaemia	<20	<20	<20
Cancer/Tumour - Thyroid	<20	<20	<20
Tinnitus	<20	<20	<20
Thalassaemia	<20	<20	<20
Tourette's Syndrome	<20	<20	<20
Transplant - Organ Failure	<20	<20	<20
Cancer/Tumour - Testicular	<20	<20	<20
Brain Injury - Toxic (e.g. Alcohol)	<20	<20	<20
Eye Anomaly - Unspecified	<20	<20	27
Urinary Incontinence	<20	<20	<20
Ulcerative Colitis	<20	<20	<20
Visual Loss - Unspecified	<20	<20	34
Vertigo	<20	<20	<20
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