

# Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

## ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Department of Human Services

**Topic:** Disability Support Pension

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**Senator:** Siewert

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#### Question:

- a) For each month for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013, and the months of January and February 2014, provide the number of Disability Support Pension:
- 1) claims;
  - 2) rejections; and
  - 3) grants.
- b) For the period 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 provide data on the reasons for:
- 1) rejections; and
  - 2) grants.

#### Answer:

- a) The table below provides a breakdown of Disability Support Pension claims granted, rejected and assessed for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 and the months of January and February 2014.

Disability Support Pension (1 July 2013 to 28 February 2014)								
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
<b>Granted</b>	3,611	4,570	4,683	4,318	5,628	6,100	3,713	4,692
<b>Rejected</b>	3,690	6,421	5,520	5,488	9,199	10,147	5,245	7,094
<b>Assessed*</b>	7,301	10,991	10,203	9,806	14,827	16,247	8,958	11,786

\* Assessed claims are those processed and finalised rather than the number of claims received in a given period. For example, there may be claims submitted with incomplete information during the period which are not represented in this count.

- b) 1) The table below provides data on the reasons for Disability Support Pension rejections for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013.

<b>Rejections By Rejection Reason</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
Medical Conditions Not Fully Diagnosed, Treated Or Stabilised	1,469	2,460	2,037	2150	3,642	3,941
Impairment Less Than 20 Points	1,319	2,278	2,016	1937	3,302	3,561
Failed To Supply Requested Information	215	652	562	505	873	1,139
Did Not Meet Program Of Support Requirements	182	265	209	205	340	437
Disability Is Short Term	96	126	111	110	197	198
Other	409	640	585	581	845	871
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,690</b>	<b>6,421</b>	<b>5,520</b>	<b>5488</b>	<b>9,199</b>	<b>10,147</b>

- b) 2) The Department of Human Services is able to provide data on the numbers of Disability Support Pension grants in the Table below for the period 1 July 2013 to 31 December 2013, but is not able to disaggregate by grant reason.

<b>Disability Support Pension (1 July to December 2013)</b>						
	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
<b>Granted</b>	3,611	4,570	4,683	4,318	5,628	6,100