Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5 Question No: 412

Topic: Disability Employment Services & Working Age & Student Payments

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Senator Siewert asked:

Please provide an update of Supplementary Estimates QoN 212.

Answer:

The table below provides the number of Disability Support Pension finalised claims, grants and rejections for each four week period between January 2013 and February 2014.

Grants are based on meeting relevant eligibility criteria.

4 weeks ending	Finalised claims	Grants	Rejections
11 January 2013	7,896	3,358	4,538
8 February 2013	11,293	4,788	6,505
8 March 2013	9,935	4,157	5,778
5 April 2013	8,150	3,780	4,370
3 May 2013	9,981	4,580	5,401
31 May 2013	9,693	4,318	5,375
28 June 2013	9,178	4,169	5,009
26 July 2013	7,301	3,611	3,690
23 August 2013	10,991	4,570	6,421
20 September 2013	10,203	4,683	5,520
18 October 2013	9,806	4,318	5,488
15 November 2013	14,827	5,628	9,199
13 December 2013	16,247	6,100	10,147
10 January 2014	8,958	3,713	5,245
7 February 2014	11,786	4,692	7,094

The attached table provides the number of Disability Support Pension rejections by main reasons for each four week period between January 2013 and February 2014.