

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 421

Topic: Disability Support Pension (DSP)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

How many people on the Disability Support Pension have been placed in a job and sustained work (13 and 26 weeks) through the Program of support measure?

Answer:

The Program of Support (POS) measure began on 3 September 2011. As at 31 December 2013:

- 390 placements in a job were recorded;
- 255 13-week employment or education outcomes were recorded;
- 159 26-week employment or education outcomes were recorded.

	Employment Placement**	13 week outcome	26 week outcome
DES	347	232 (education and employment outcomes)*	150 (education and employment outcomes)*
JSA	43	23 (employment outcomes)	9 (employment outcomes)
TOTAL	390	255	159

*Note - most of the DES 13 AND 26 week outcomes are estimated to be employment

**Note - this includes people who have recently entered into employment and have not yet reached 13 weeks

Due to limitations in the data, the Disability Employment Services (DES) 13 and 26 week outcomes cannot be broken down separately for education and employment.

Note: the data that is collected only measures Job Services Australia (JSA) and DES outcomes. Under the POS measure, there are number of other types of placements that can be made, however, the data from these placements is not collected.