Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO 2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5 Question No: 423

Topic: Disability Support Pension (DSP)

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Senator Moore asked:

Is the Department undertaking any preparatory work, including costings which would see people with a mental illness moved off the DSP onto another payment? Is the Department undertaking any preparatory work, including costings that would see people with mental illness moved off their current rate of DSP onto another rate of DSP?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services has policy responsibility for almost all of the Commonwealth Government's welfare payments. A part of its normal business, the Department provides analyses and advice on a wide range of policy.