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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Can I go back to the DSP issue. In terms of the breakdown of the numbers for those under 35, are you able to break that down into Aboriginality—how many identified as Aboriginal? That would be appreciated. Of those that are appeal numbers, can you also break that down and let us know—

For Indigenous Australians?

Answer:

From 1 July 2014 to 31 December 2015, there were 2,628 recipients reviewed under the DSP under 35 measure identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, with 393 of these recipients having their DSP cancelled following assessment of their work capacity and level of impairment. To date, 130 of these individuals have appealed the decision to cancel their DSP.