

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 258

Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Senator Siewert asked:

For each of the quarters from 1 July 2011 to 30 September, 1 October 2011 to 31 December 2011 and 1 January 2012, provide details of the reasons new claims have been rejected.

Answer:

The table below provides the number of Disability Support Pension new claim rejections by reason for 1 July to 30 September 2011 and 1 October 2011 to 1 January 2012.

| Rejection reason | 1 Jul to 30 Sep 2011 | 1 Oct 2011 to 1 Jan 2012 |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Disability is short term | 7,342 | 1,825 |
| Less than 20 points impaired | 4,845 | 3,933 |
| Medical conditions not fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised * | 305 | 4,845 |
| Failed to supply requested Information | 2,291 | 2,374 |
| Excess Income | 583 | 548 |
| Fail to attend assessment/med exam | 368 | 318 |
| Manifest - temporary | 351 | 354 |
| Residence Related | 252 | 251 |
| Compensation related | 268 | 234 |
| >20% impaired/can work 15+ hrs p/w | 324 | 210 |
| >20% impaired/reskill 15+ hrs p/w | 283 | 168 |
| Other | 708 | 734 |
| Total | 17,920 | 15,794 |

* New rejection reason introduced in September 2011