

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 261

Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Senator Siewert asked:

How many appeals lodged at each level of appeal (related to medical qualification)? What is the outcome of the appeals?

Answer:

The following table provides data on the number and outcome of Disability Support Pension appeals against cancellations and rejections for medical reasons, decided in the period July 2011 to March 2012.

ORIGINAL DECISION MAKER NUMBER OF APPEALS			
	<i>JULY–SEPT 2011</i>	<i>OCT–DEC 2011</i>	<i>JAN–MARCH 2012</i>
<i>AFFIRMED</i>	2,370	1,683	1,736
<i>SET ASIDE</i>	380	293	276
<i>VARIED</i>	25	35	25
<i>WITHDRAWN</i>	50	67	58
TOTAL	2,825	2,078	2,095
AUTHORISED REVIEW OFFICER NUMBER OF APPEALS			
	<i>JULY–SEPT 2011</i>	<i>OCT–DEC 2011</i>	<i>JAN–MARCH 2012</i>
<i>AFFIRMED</i>	1,246	1,424	1,240
<i>DISMISSED/NO JURISDICTION</i>	1	4	2
<i>SET ASIDE</i>	416	412	422
<i>VARIED</i>	20	33	33
<i>WITHDRAWN</i>	84	75	54
TOTAL	1,767	1,948	1,751
SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS TRIBUNAL NUMBER OF APPEALS			
	<i>JULY–SEPT 2011</i>	<i>OCT–DEC 2011</i>	<i>JAN–MARCH 2012</i>
<i>AFFIRMED</i>	304	278	303
<i>DISMISSED/NO JURISDICTION</i>	5	4	5
<i>SET ASIDE</i>	83	75	99
<i>WITHDRAWN</i>	16	23	26
TOTAL	408	380	433

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ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL NUMBER OF DSP CUSTOMER APPEALS			
	<i>JULY-SEPT 2011</i>	<i>OCT-DEC 2011</i>	<i>JAN-MARCH 2012</i>
<i>AFFIRMED</i>	10	19	17
<i>DISMISSED/NO JURISDICTION</i>	6	4	5
<i>SET ASIDE</i>	4	6	2
<i>WITHDRAWN</i>	38	35	31
<i>SETTLED/DECISION BY CONSENT</i>	34	25	28
TOTAL	92	89	83
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL NUMBER OF DSP SECRETARY APPEALS			
	<i>JULY-SEPT 2011</i>	<i>OCT-DEC 2011</i>	<i>JAN-MARCH 2012</i>
<i>AFFIRMED</i>			
<i>DISMISSED/NO JURISDICTION</i>			
<i>SETTLED/DECISION BY CONSENT</i>			1
<i>SET ASIDE</i>			
<i>WITHDRAWN</i>	4		2
TOTAL	4	0	3