Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5 Question No: 345

Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Senator Fifield asked:

How many people applied for Disability Support Pension payments each month between June 2011 and June 2012? How many were rejected in that period?

Answer:

The table below provides the number of Disability Support Pension finalised claims and rejections for each four week period between June 2011 and June 2012.

| 4 weeks ending | Finalised claims | Rejections |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 July 2011 | 11,196 | 4,973 |
| 29 July 2011 | 10,500 | 4,706 |
| 26 August 2011 | 11,286 | 5,257 |
| 23 September 2011 | 11,563 | 5,240 |
| 21 October 2011 | 11,052 | 5,330 |
| 18 November 2011 | 10,641 | 5,143 |
| 16 December 2011 | 10,305 | 4,845 |
| 13 January 2012 | 9,086 | 4,467 |
| 10 February 2012 | 9,138 | 4,863 |
| 9 March 2012 | 9,080 | 5,365 |
| 6 April 2012 | 10,111 | 5,995 |
| 4 May 2012 | 9,095 | 5,251 |
| 1 June 2012 | 10,960 | 6,320 |