

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 46**

**Topic:** Disability Support Pension

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

Could you please provide a monthly breakdown for this calendar year for the rejections in terms of the program of support? What income support payments they were on, if any? Where they were rejected from the application for DSP, are you able to provide whether they are on another form of income support and how many of those are still undertaking a program of support?

**Answer:**

POS Rejections & Program Placements*		
Month	Rejections	Program Placements
Jan-12	265	115
Feb-12	274	114
Mar-12	230	97
Apr-12	204	96
May-12	268	105

POS Rejections by current Income Support Payment			
Month	DSP	Newstart Allowance	Other
Jan-12	45	140	27
Feb-12	27	146	28
Mar-12	28	120	23
Apr-12	10	136	19
May-12	5	177	27

\* DSP claims rejected on POS grounds may not result in a current placement for a range of reasons. For example, the claimant may have a temporary incapacity exemption, be a voluntary jobseeker and elect not to participate, or be participating in a non-DEEWR funded program.