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Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Senator Siewert asked:

Of the 42 per cent of people on Newstart that were rejected from the DSP because they had not done a program of support, how many are now undertaking that program of support?

Answer:

As at the end of March 2013, of the 42 per cent (1,513) of people on Newstart that were rejected from the DSP because they had not done a program of support, 57 per cent (862) of these people were in a current program placement. 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.