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Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Senator Fifield asked:

Additional Estimates QoN 289 provides the proportion of Disability Support Pension rejections by medical and non-medical reasons from October 2013 to February 2013. Could you provide an update from March 2013 to May 2013.

Answer:

The table below provides the proportion of Disability Support Pension rejections by medical and non-medical reasons for each month between March 2013 and May 2013.

Month	Medical	Non-medical
March 2013	75.8%	24.2%
April 2013	79.4%	20.6%
May 2013	79.9%	20.1%

Medical rejections reasons include: short term disability; a medical condition has not been fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised; or the person has been assessed as scoring less than 20 points against the impairment tables.

Non-medical rejection reasons include: failure to supply requested information; income is too high; failure to attend an assessment or medical examination; or that the person has not actively participated in a program of support.