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Topic: Disability Support Pension

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Senator Siewert asked:

Could you also provide a monthly breakdown of how many were rejected in terms of medical and non-medical reasons? Could you also provide a total for the medical from September 2011 to now?

Answer:

The table below provides the number of Disability Support Pension rejections by medical and non-medical reasons for each month between September 2011 and May 2013.

Month	Number of medical reason rejections	Number of non-medical reason rejections
September 2011	5,123	1,523
October 2011	3,732	1,464
November 2011	3,754	1,389
December 2011	4,016	1,439
January 2012	3,525	1,380
February 2012	3,809	1,313
March 2012	5,648	1,628
April 2012	4,013	1,199
May 2012	4,848	1,338
June 2012	6,887	1,731
July 2012	4,792	1,340
August 2012	5,751	1,678
September 2012	4,134	1,301
October 2012	4,714	1,292
November 2012	5,545	1,720
December 2012	4,200	1,139
January 2013	4,293	1,371
February 2013	4,780	1,533
March 2013	4,697	1,496
April 2013	3,900	1,012
May 2013	5,480	1,375

From September 2011 to May 2013 there were 97,641 medical rejections.