

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 3 JUNE 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Disability Support Pension – Participation Plans

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Question:

In relation to HS 49, please update the data concerning how many people under 35 on the DSP who have had:

- a) a participation plan developed under the 2014 budget changes;
- b) their DSP payments suspended; and
- c) their DSP payments cancelled.

Answer:

- a) From the date of implementation of the 2014 Budget measure on 1 July 2014 to 31 May 2015, there have been 23,126 recipients aged under 35 who have agreed a Disability Support Pension (DSP) Participation Plan.
- b) From 1 July 2014 to 31 May 2015, there were 2,547 recipients who had their DSP suspended as a result of compliance action. Payments are suspended for not signing a Participation Plan, not attending an interview or not participating in a compulsory activity.
- c) From 1 July 2014 to 31 May 2015, there were 44 recipients who had their DSP cancelled as a result of compliance action. Cancellations can occur after three separate incidents of not undertaking compulsory activities.