

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 108**

**Topic: DSP**

**Hansard Page: 19/10/2011 CA15**

**Senator Siewert** asked:

For the last two financial years, could the Department provide the numbers and outcomes of DSP medical appeals at the Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT) that were client initiated and policy-department initiated.

**Answer:**

Only the DSP applicant can appeal to the SSAT, therefore there were no department initiated appeals. The number of DSP medical appeals finalised by the SSAT in 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as follows:

	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>
Affirmed	952	842
Set Aside	288	209
Varied	2	1
Withdrawn/dismissed	70	90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1312</b>	<b>1142</b>