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: 109

Topic: DSP

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Senator Siewert asked:

For the last two financial years, could the Department provide the numbers and outcomes of ALL DSP 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 appeals finalised by the SSAT in 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as follows:

	2009-10	2010-11
Affirmed	1,515	1,463
Set Aside	644	576
Varied	39	39
Withdrawn/dismissed	211	202
TOTAL	2,409	2,280