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Question No: 227

Topic: DSP Eligibility

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Senator Siewert asked:

For those whose claims for DSP were rejected on Program of Support grounds so far this calendar year, please provide, broken down according to the month in which their claim was rejected, their current (most recently available) status, including income support payment received (if any) and whether they are still undertaking a Program of Support.

Answer:

For claims rejected on Program of Support (POS) grounds from 1 January 2012 to 30 September 2012:

- Table 1 below shows the number of claims rejected in each month and the number of claimants who were connected to a DEEWR funded POS on 30 September 2012.
- Table 2 below shows the number of claimants receiving an income support payment as at 5 October 2012 and the type of payment received.

Table 1

POS Rejections* & Program Placements		
Month	Rejections	Program placements^
Jan-12	111	50
Feb-12	174	61
Mar-12	209	60
Apr-12	171	52
May-12	239	80
Jun-12	271	103
Jul-12	242	82
Aug-12	276	95
Sep-12	220	58

Table 2

POS Rejections* by current Income Support Payment			
Month	DSP	Newstart Allowance	Other
Jan-12	27	44	15
Feb-12	58	56	14
Mar-12	68	77	21
Apr-12	42	67	16
May-12	50	103	33
Jun-12	41	131	30
Jul-12	31	128	29
Aug-12	16	152	29
Sep-12	9	117	28

* Finalised / determined for this period.

^ DSP claims rejected on POS grounds may not result in a current program placement for a range of reasons. For example, the claimant may have a temporary incapacity exemption, be a voluntary jobseeker and elect not to participate, or be participating in a non-DEEWR funded program.