

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 303

Topic: DSP

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide the latest data on number of recipients of the Disability Support Pension by:

- (a) age;
- (b) state/territory;
- (c) electorate
- (d) sex;
- (e) indigenous status;
- (f) condition/disability;
- (g) duration on payment (>1yr, 1-2, 2-5, 5-10, 10+);
- (h) number and percentage reporting employment;
- (i) number and percentage of people on part rate due to means test;
- (j) reported hours of work undertaken;
- (k) reported income from employment by disability/condition;
- (l) reported income from other assets; and
- (m) other payments received

Answer:

The data requested as at June 2014 for questions a-e and g are available on data.gov.au at the following link:

<https://www.data.gov.au/dataset/dss-payment-demographic-data>.

September data will be available in late 2014.

Data for questions f and j-m are provided in **Attachment A**, while for questions h, the number and percentage reporting employment income, and i, data are provided in the Department of Social Services' Annual Report 2013-14 on page 69 at the following link:

<https://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/publications-articles/corporate-publications/annual-reports/dss-annual-report-2013-14>.

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Attachment A

(f) DSP MEDICAL CONDITION	Recipients
Unknown	674
Acquired Brain Impairment	21,301
Amputation	1639
Cancer/Tumour	17,153
Chronic Pain	13,871
Circulatory System	32,226
Congenital Anomalies	12,668
Endocrine & Immune System	18,069
Gastro-Intestinal System	7191
Granted Prior to 12/11/91	10,392
Infectious Diseases	2651
Inherited Disorders	745
Intellectual/Learning	104,362
Musculo-Skeletal & Connective Tissue	210,186
Nervous System	43,448
Poorly Defined Cause	14,140
Psychological/Psychiatric	264,516
Reproductive System	659
Respiratory System	19,957
Sense Organs	22,499
Skin Disorder & Burns	928
Urogenital System	5588
Visceral Disorder	5591

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract).

(j) Hours Per Fortnight	Recipients
0	767,152
Less than 15	16,578
15-18	7,025
19-21	3,630
22-24	2,949
25 +	33,120

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract).

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(k) Employment Earnings by Primary Medical Condition	EARNINGS Per fortnight.				
	NIL EARNINGS	>\$0 - \$62	>\$62 - \$236	>\$236 - \$250	OVER \$250
Unknown	646	1	8	2	17
Acquired Brain Impairment	19,723	134	498	48	898
Amputation	1511	<20	30	<20	86
Cancer/Tumour	16,218	n.p.	201	<20	680
Chronic Pain	13,167	n.p.	171	<20	490
Circulatory System	30,746	81	385	35	979
Congenital Anomalies	10,721	234	837	35	841
Endocrine & Immune System	16,981	60	264	32	732
Gastro-Intestinal System	6623	<20	124	<20	414
Granted Prior to 12/11/91	9158	169	457	25	583
Infectious Diseases	2506	<20	39	<20	97
Inherited Disorders	603	<20	28	<20	106
Intellectual/Learning	83,614	2650	8995	555	8548
Musculo-Skeletal & Connective Tissue	199,003	537	3158	298	7190
Nervous System	40,058	324	1092	74	1900
Poorly Defined Cause	12,954	62	304	21	799
Psychological/Psychiatric	248,060	1294	5127	417	9618
Reproductive System	620	<20	<20	0	33
Respiratory System	19,045	60	274	26	552
Sense Organs	19,382	160	550	39	2368
Skin Disorder & Burns	870	<20	<20	<20	41
Urogenital System	5235	<20	81	<20	247
Visceral Disorder	5326	<20	72	<20	177
TOTAL	762,770	5,908	22,710	1,670	37,396

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract).

(l) The average income received from other assets of Disability Support Pension recipients was \$29 per fortnight.

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(m) Disability Support Pensioners receiving Other payments	Recipients
Carer Allowance	30,634
Clean Energy Supplement	809,257
CDEP Participation Supplement	69
Double Orphan Supplement	109
Drought Force Supplement	<20
Family Tax Benefit	65,687
Incentive Allowance	5182
Language, Literacy, Numeracy Program Supplement	589
Mobility Allowance	53,253
Pensioner Education Supplement	19,685
Pharmaceutical Allowance	25,382
Pension Supplement	786,720
Remote Area Allowance	15,327
Rent Assistance	264,985
RJCP Supplement	78
(Single Parent) Supplement	<20
Telephone Allowance	2579
Utilities Allowance	13670
Work for the Dole Supplement	<20
Education Entry Payment	25,458
Total With One or More Supplements	818,071

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract).