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Topic: DSP

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Senator Brown asked:

With regards to the Budget measures to review under 35's on the DSP and put in place compulsory activities:

- (a) How many people have been reviewed so far?
- (b) How many people does the Department expect to review over the forward estimates period?
- (c) Has any money been allocated to undertake a review or evaluation of these measures, and if so, how much, and when will the review or evaluation be made public?
- (d) How much money, if any, is the Department spending or planning to spend on communication activities that relate to these measures?

Answer:

- (a) As at 31 October 2014, 482 reviews of DSP recipients under age 35 had been finalised.
- (b) Around 28,000 DSP recipients will be reviewed over 18 months under the DSP Review measure.
- (c) No funding has been allocated to undertake a review or evaluation of these measures.
- (d) The Department does not have funding allocated to communication activities related to these measures. The Department of Human Services has responsibility for communicating with DSP recipients affected by the measure.