

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** SSAT - Social Security Appeals Tribunal

**Question No:** 468

**Topic:** Appeals

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Is the SSAT able to identify appellants with a mental illness? If so how is it done?

**Answer:**

The SSAT, as constituted for a review, makes a finding on the evidence which is before the SSAT in the review as to whether an applicant has a physical, intellectual or psychiatric impairment only where the existence of such impairment is in issue for the purposes of the person's qualification for disability support pension.

See the answers to questions on notice [470 & 472] as to the expertise of members and staff in dealing with persons who have a mental illness.