

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1

Question No: 555

Topic: Program of support

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Senator Siewert asked:

Please provide an update to Question No. 222, Answers to Questions on Notice, 2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings.

Answer:

Question 222 of Questions on Notice, 2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings requests an update to Questions No.45 and 46 – 2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings.

QoN 45 2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings:

Has the Department had anybody that has subsequently applied for DSP having gone through the program of support process?

Update:

Between September 2011 and August 2014, 3,268 people had applied for DSP having gone through the program of support process with 2,657 of those deemed eligible for DSP and 611 rejected.

Month	Eligible	Rejected	Grand Total
Sep 2011	2	2	4
Oct – Dec 2011	105	19	124
Jan – Mar 2012	253	34	287
Apr – Jun 2012	312	41	353
Jul – Sep 2012	353	46	399
Oct – Dec 2012	323	42	365
Jan – Mar 2013	308	52	360
Apr – Jun 2013	265	33	298
Jul – Sep 2013	216	44	260
Oct – Dec 2013	295	86	381
Jan - Mar 2014	137	64	201
Apr - Jun 2014	68	84	152
Jul - Aug 2014	20	64	84
TOTAL	2657	611	3268

Note: results for Qtr 3 2014 does not include September data.

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QON 46 2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings:

Could you please provide a monthly breakdown for this calendar year for the rejections in terms of the program of support? What income support payments they were on, if any?

Where they were rejected from the application for DSP, are you able to provide whether they are on another form of income support and how many of those are still undertaking a program of support?

Update:

POS Rejection & Program Placements*		
Month	Rejections	Program Placements
Jan-14	263	74
Feb-14	288	71
Mar-14	263	69
Apr-14	220	62
May-14	263	78
Jun-14	276	71
Jul-14	325	90
Aug-14	273	80
TOTAL	2171	595

* DSP claims rejected on POS grounds may not result in a current 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.

POS Rejections by current Income Support Payment*			
Month	DSP	Newstart	Other
Jan-14	48	138	24
Feb-14	50	146	31
Mar-14	39	147	26
Apr-14	22	130	26
May-14	26	157	19
Jun-14	20	186	16
Jul-14	19	212	25
Aug-14	1	200	18
TOTAL	225	1316	185

*Current Income Support Payment is at 31 August 2014.