

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments

Question No: SQ15-000861

Topic: Program of Support

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Update Question No. 222, Answers to Questions on Notice, 2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings.

Answer:

Update to QON 45, 2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings, Senate Community Affairs Committee

In the 2014-15 financial year 2,185 people who applied for Disability Support Pension were assessed as having completed a Program of Support (POS) at the time of claim. Of these claims, 2,086 were granted and 99 of these were rejected.

Update to QON 46, 2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings, Senate Community Affairs Committee

2014-15 POS Rejections and Disability Employment Services (DES) Program Placements*		
Month	Rejections	DES Program Placements**
Jul-14	325	98
Aug-14	274	79
Sep-14	250	87
Oct-14	263	85
Nov-14	285	95
Dec-14	275	106
Jan-15	236	86
Feb-15	257	105
Mar-15	277	112
Apr-15	242	104
May-15	285	108
Jun-15	272	71
	3,241	1,136

*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 program other than DES.

**DSS does not hold data on participation in a program other than DES

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2014-15 POS Rejections by Income Support Payment*			
Month	DSP	Newstart	Other
Jul-14	80	137	27
Aug-14	80	125	20
Sep-14	65	113	26
Oct-14	49	114	30
Nov-14	59	145	21
Dec-14	42	157	14
Jan-15	36	128	19
Feb-15	38	141	22
Mar-15	28	177	24
Apr-15	26	158	14
May-15	11	194	26
Jun-15	2	190	19
	516	1779	262

*Current Income Support Payment as at 26 June 2015.