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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Is the Government monitoring how many people moved off DSP onto Newstart now have medical exemptions from mutual obligation requirements?

- a) If so, how many have exemptions?
- b) If not, why not?

Answer:

The Department regularly monitors payment recipient data and trends, and the impact of policy change, including the under 35s review of Disability Support Pension (DSP).

- a) As at the end of September 2016, there were 2,735 recipients on Newstart Allowance (NSA) who had previously transferred from DSP to NSA as a result of the under 35s review of DSP. Of these, 199 recipients (or 7 per cent) had a medical exemption from Mutual Obligation requirements.