

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Fifield asked on 31/05/2011, Hansard page 66.

Question

Breakdown of Percentages for the Primary Disability

Senator FIFIELD: Thank you. I have questions on the breakdown of percentages for the primary disability type of each DES participant, but it is probably more convenient for all if I place those on notice so you can provide a nice table. Ms Buffinton: Sure. We certainly have those and we can provide them. Senator FIFIELD: If you have got them, is it easier for you to table them or to run through them now? Ms Parker: We can take them on notice, if that is all right. Senator FIFIELD: That is fine. We will get a nice table that way, and I will pop the other couple of questions I have in there.

Answer

DES Current Caseload by Primary Disability as at 31 March 2011

| Job Seeker Characteristics | Disability Management Services | Employment Support Services | Total | % of Total Caseload |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Primary Disability</i> | | | | |
| Physical | 38,287 | 21,566 | 59,853 | 41.6 |
| Psychiatric | 18,264 | 25,548 | 43,812 | 30.4 |
| Intellectual | 349 | 8,721 | 9,070 | 6.3 |
| Specific Learning/ADD (other than Intellectual) | 1,211 | 7,305 | 8,516 | 5.9 |
| Neurological (including Epilepsy & Alzheimer's Disease) | 2,062 | 3,960 | 6,022 | 4.2 |
| Autism (including Asperger's Syndrome) | 282 | 3,398 | 3,680 | 2.6 |
| Hearing | 593 | 2,055 | 2,648 | 1.8 |
| Acquired brain injury | 603 | 1,853 | 2,456 | 1.7 |
| Vision | 441 | 1,539 | 1,980 | 1.4 |
| Speech | 98 | 255 | 353 | 0.2 |
| Deafblind (Dual Sensory) | 16 | 90 | 106 | 0.1 |
| Unknown/Not Stated | 3,740 | 1,730 | 5,470 | 3.8 |
| Total | 65,946 | 78,020 | 143,966 | 100 |