

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2 and 3 NOVEMBER 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: **Efficient and effective labour market assistance**

Output Group: 1.1 **Working age payments**

Output: 1.1.1 **Working age payments and compliance**

Question Number: **W506-06**

Question:

Senator Wong asked please provide the latest available breakdown of DSP new grants (from Centrelink data or commissioned research) according to:

- Income support status at time of claim (and if on income support, which payment and for how long)
- Age and sex
- Impairment category
- Employment status (including whether they recently lost a job)
- State/Territory

Answer:

The available information is provided in Tables 1-3 below.

**Table 1. Disability Support Pension grants - 2004/05 Financial Year
by Age and Gender**

Age	Male	Female	Total
<16	69	32	101
16-19	3,632	2,364	5,996
20-24	1,530	1,014	2,544
25-29	1,754	1,069	2,823
30-34	2,422	1,393	3,815
35-39	2,793	1,969	4,762
40-44	3,461	2,978	6,439
45-49	3,903	4,256	8,159
50-54	4,886	5,126	10,012
55-59	7,229	7,280	14,509
60-64	7,423	3,198	10,621

65+	63	0	63
Total	39,165	30,679	69,844

Source: Centrelink's Superstar Pensions database, June 2005.

**Table 2: Disability Support Pension grants - 2004/05 Financial Year
by Medical Condition**

Medical Condition	Total
Acquired Brain Injury	1,163
Amputation	119
Cancer/tumour	5,034
Chronic fatigue/post viral syndrome	<20
Chronic pain	718
Circulatory system	1,686
Congenital abnormality	398
Endocrine and immune system	1,838
Gastro-intestinal system	604
Granted prior to 12.11.91	34
Intellectual/learning	4,679
Musculo-skeletal and connective tissue	25,813
Nervous system	2,319
Psychological/psychiatric	17,499
Reproductive system	76
Respiratory system	2,189
Sense organs	1,462
Skin disorders and burns	222
Urogenital system	274
Visceral disorder	711
Unknown	<20
Total	69,844

Source: Centrelink's Superstar Pensions database, June 2005.

**Table 3: Disability Support Pension grants - 2004/05 Financial Year
by Geographic State/Territory**

State/Territory	Total
New South Wales	22,061
Victoria	17,523
Queensland	13,321
South Australia	6,728
Western Australia	6,407
Tasmania	2,007
Northern Territory	809
Australian Capital Territory	705
Unknown	283
Total	69,844

Source: Centrelink's Superstar Pensions database, June 2005.

Information on income support status at time of claim (and if income support, which payment and for how long) is not readily available.

Information on employment status (including whether they recently lost a job) is not available.