

# **Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

## **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES – 9 FEBRUARY 2010 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

### **Human Services Portfolio**

**Topic:** Characteristics of Disability Support Pension Recipients

**Question reference number:** HS 24

**Senator:** FIFIELD

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#### **Question:**

**Senator FIFIELD** - ...could the committee please be provided with the information that Centrelink has on the characteristics of recipients of the disability support pension - by medical category, by gender and whatever other information you have on the characteristics of recipients of the disability support pension.

#### **Answer:**

Centrelink is unable to provide the data for the 2009 Disability Support Pension Characteristics Report. Raw data is extracted from Centrelink databases by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. This data is then forwarded to the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) which undertakes an analysis process which populates the Characteristics Report. FaHCSIA has advised that the 2009 report, which contains data in the format that Senator Fifield has requested for the period 2008-09, has not undergone the necessary quality assurance process and is not available in the short term.