

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Centrelink

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Question: HS60

Outcome 1, Output 1.1

Topic: Disability Support Pension

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SENATOR SIEWERT asked on 24/05/2007:

1. How many people on the Disability Support Pension have been reviewed since figures were since (sic) 1 July 2006 and of those how many have stayed on the Disability Support Pension and how many have moved to Newstart Allowance?
2. How many people have applied since the start of the new system for the Disability Support Pension and how many have been assessed to go on the Disability Support Pension and how many have been assessed to go on to Newstart Allowance?

Answer:

1.

Disability Support Pension service update reviews conducted between 1 July 2006 and 31 March 2007	
Reviews	Cancellations
101,281	257

Note: The numbers represented in this table are for all Disability Support Pension service update reviews, not just reviews of impairment rating and work capacity. Those cancelled were granted Newstart Allowance or another payment (if eligible). To obtain a breakdown by payment type would be highly resource intensive and we cannot justify the level of expenditure that would be required to obtain it.

Data source: Centrelink administrative data.

2.

Disability Support Pension Claims from 1 July 2006 to 30 March 2007			
Applied	Granted	Rejected	Yet to be determined
81,334	45,707	27,228	8,399*

Note: Those rejected were granted Newstart Allowance or another payment (if eligible). This includes those assessed as having Partial Work Capacity of 15-29 hours and those who were not eligible for Disability Support Pension for other reasons (such as low impairment score, no permanent disability, or no residency).

* As at 30 March 2007.

Data source: DEWR SAS run using Centrelink administrative data.