

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES – 29 MAY 2008**

**Human Services Portfolio**



**Department/Agency:** Centrelink  
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**Topic:** Disability Support Pension (Transitions)

**Senator:** Siewert  
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**Question:**

**HS28a:** How many people on the Disability Support Pension have been reviewed since figures were since 1 July 2007 and of those how many have stayed on the Disability Support Pension and how many have moved to Newstart Allowance?

**Answer:**

**HS28a:** For the period 1 July 2007 to 31 May 2008, 22,976 medical transition reviews have been completed for customers granted Disability Support Pension between 11 May 2005 and 30 June 2006.

Of the 22,976 reviews, 1,331 customers have had their Disability Support Pension cancelled, as they no longer qualify for this payment. Of these, 490 are currently in receipt of Newstart Allowance and 19 have lodged claims for Newstart Allowance.

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