

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Finance and Public Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Human Services and agencies**

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**Question: HS 19**

**Outcome 1, Output 1.1**

**Topic: Centrelink - Disability Support Pension Claims**

**Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: F&PA 133**

**SENATOR SIEWERT** asked on 31/10/2006:

Is it possible to get figures for the number of people who have applied since 1 July and, if so, how many of those people have been assessed to go on the DSP and how many people have been assessed to go on Newstart?

**Answer:** The answer to Senator Siewert's question is in the table below:

<b>Disability Support Pension Claims from 1 July 2006 to 10 November 2006</b>		
<b>Granted</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Yet to be determined</b>
12,519	7,859	8,245

Note: Those rejected will be granted Newstart (or another payment) if eligible and this includes those assessed as having Partial Work Capacity of 15-29 hours, but also those who were not eligible for DSP for other reasons, such as low impairment score, no permanent disability or no residency.

Data source: DEWR SAS run.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 13 hours and 31 minutes at an estimated cost of \$693.