

permanent or likely to last for an extended period (clause 4).

Where special maintenance income affects the rate of a person's pension or benefit, in no case would the rate be reduced below 25% of the maximum rate (clause 6).

Clause 8 inserts a new s.47 into the Act and clause 11 inserts a new s.55 which make it a condition of receiving widow's pension and supporting parent's benefit, respectively, that where there is an entitlement for the recipient to claim maintenance from another person for

either self or a dependent child then she/he should make such a claim. Where a person has not taken such action to obtain maintenance as the Secretary considers reasonable then she/he will not be qualified to receive the pension or benefit.

## Statistics

	Nov 86	Dec 86	Jan 87	Feb 87	Mar 87	Apr 87	May 87	Jun 87	Jul 87	Aug 87	Sep 87	Oct 87	Nov 87	Dec 87	Jan 88
Applications lodged*	68	68	52	55	63	62	51	71	63	92	77	69	76	68	67
Decided by AAT	18	22	6	28	29	14	19	15	9	17	22	22	15	10	4
Dismissed	0	3	4	0	5	6	4	1	5	3	5	4	4	9	5
Withdrawn	22	6	8	8	30	3	5	4	12	9	17	14	32	19	18
Conceded	4	11	7	5	19	4	3	7	13	9	9	8	15	20	10
No jurisdiction	2	3	6	1	5	0	2	3	1	1	4	3	5	1	5
Lapsed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Awaiting decision at end of month	1109	1135	1156	1169	1144	1179	1197	1248	1270	1323	1343	1361	1366	1375	1400

### \*Applications lodged: type of appeal

Unemployment benefit	19	11	9	13	7	10	6	11	18	16	20	15	10	9	8
Sickness Benefit	5	2	4	3	3	7	3	4	3	6	2	1	7	8	2
Special Benefit	0	2	0	2	1	1	1	3	3	4	0	2	1	2	5
Age Pension	4	6	9	7	6	2	4	2	2	3	0	1	5	7	3
Invalid Pension	29	25	22	11	23	21	15	23	24	29	33	36	28	25	29
Widows Pension	2	1	1	3	2	2	3	0	5	8	3	4	5	4	4
Supporting Parents Benefit	4	4	3	5	6	3	6	8	1	7	2	1	8	3	7
Handicapped Child Allowance	1	3	0	5	4	4	5	4	0	0	0	2	4	4	3
Family Allowance	3	3	0	4	3	3	1	2	2	11	4	3	3	0	1
Freedom of Information	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1
Assets Test	0	1	2	2	6	2	4	7	2	5	3	3	1	3	2
Other	1	6	1	0	1	6	2	6	1	3	2	1	3	3	2