

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Outcome Number: 1.7 Allowances and Concessions for Seniors Question No: SQ17-000043

Topic: Pensioner Education Supplement and Education Entry Payment

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

Can you please provide the average income of people in receipt of the Education Entry Payment and Pensioner Education Supplement.

Answer:

The table below provides the number of Education Entry Payment recipients and Pensioner Education Supplement recipients by earnings from employment and income from other sources, as at September 2016.

		Had Earnings	Had Other Income
PES Recipients as at September 2016	Recipients	6,631	24,284
	Average	\$657.55	\$21.84
EdEP Recipients in the 2016-17 financial year to September 2016	Recipients	1,832	7,240
	Average	\$640.87	\$22.25

Source: Department of Human Services administrative data (DSS extract).
Earnings and other income refer to those reported in the last fortnight of the period.

Note: As the Education Entry Payment is an irregular payment, recipient numbers for the 2016-17 financial year to September 2016 have been provided. Average income from all sources is not available, calculating the average income from all sources would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.