

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.6 Income Support for Seniors**

**Question No: SQ17-000111**

**Topic: Pension Portability**

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**Senator Murray Watt asked:**

Please provide the number of age pensioners with an AWLR of less than 35 years by country of birth.

**Answer:**

Centrelink does not make an assessment of a pensioner's AWLR until they travel overseas for more than 26 weeks.

As a guide, the latest published Statistical Overview (2013) shows the highest numbers of people born overseas, receiving a pension in Australia, were born in the following countries:

- United Kingdom 259,444 (11 per cent of total Age Pension population in Australia)
- Italy 109,087 (4.6 per cent of total Age Pension population in Australia)
- Greece 71,886 (3.1 per cent of total Age Pension population in Australia)
- New Zealand 41,383 (3.1 per cent of total Age Pension population in Australia)

The Department provided these statistics in its response to a similar question from Senator Carol Brown at the 2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings (SQ16-000244).