

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.7 Allowances and Concession**

**Question No: SQ16-000338**

**Topic: Energy Supplement**

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**Senator Murray Watt** asked:

- a) What is the total number of people who will be affected by the abolition of the energy supplement?
- b) How many Age Pension recipients are estimated to lose access to the energy supplement per year as a result of the cut?
- c) How many Disability Support Pension recipients are estimated to lose access to the energy supplement per year as a result of the cut?
- d) How many Newstart recipients are estimated to lose access to the energy supplement per year as a result of the cut?
- e) How many Parenting Payment Single recipients are estimated to lose access to the energy supplement per year as a result of the cut?
- f) How many Carer Payment recipients are estimated to lose access to the energy supplement per year as a result of the cut?
- g) How many Youth Allowance recipients are estimated to lose access to the energy supplement per year as a result of the cut?
- h) Are you able to provide the number of recipients of pensions and allowances estimated to be impacted per year, by payment type, state and electorate?
- i) What is the average income of these recipients by payment type?
- j) What is the average income of Newstart recipients by household type?

**Answer:**

- a) Legislation has passed to close Carbon Tax compensation to new recipients of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) and the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC). Grandparenting arrangements are being put in place such that if an existing recipient is receiving the Energy Supplement on 19 September 2016, they will continue to receive it as long as they are continuously in receipt of their underlying entitlement. People who start to receive their FTB or CSHC between 20 September 2016 and 19 March 2017 will have their payment increased by the amount of the Energy Supplement but only for those days that both fall within that period and for which they are entitled to the Energy Supplement. These people will no longer receive the Energy Supplement from 20 March 2017.

FTB and CSHC are both entitlements provided outside the income support system. The Energy Supplement will continue to be paid to all recipients of income support at the current applicable rate.

- b) 0.
- c) 0.
- d) 0.
- e) 0.
- f) 0.
- g) 0.
- h) 0.
- i) There are no people receiving the above mentioned payments that are affected.
- j) There are no Newstart recipients affected.