

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 3 - Employment

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Senator Cash asked on 4 June 2013, Hansard page 60

Question

Pensioner Education Supplement

Senator CASH: How many persons also received fares allowance in addition to the pensioner education supplement? Mr Emerson: We would have to take that question on notice. Senator CASH: How many persons receiving the pensioner education supplement in 2012-13 were temporarily absent from Australia for a period not exceeding 13 weeks, and how many were newly arrived migrants? Ms Taylor: We would need to take that on notice.

Answer

In the 2012–13 financial year to 31 March 2013, less than 20 recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement (PES) received Fares Allowance through the Centrelink payment system.

In the same period:

- 4534 PES recipients were paid while overseas for a period not exceeding 13 weeks.
- 61 PES recipients were newly arrived migrants (i.e. those who are not Australian Citizens and have less than 104 weeks Australian qualifying residence).

Note: In order to protect the privacy of individuals, populations less than 20 are reported as 'less than 20'.