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Dear Committee Secretary

Below are my responses to the questions I took on notice.

1. Cameos of the cumulative impact of social security payment cuts in the Omnibus Savings and Child Care Bill for sole parents. Assumes these parents receive base rate of income support, Education Entry Payment, Pensioner Education Supplement and maximum rate of Family Tax Benefit. Cameos show results for July 2018. They do not factor in any child care subsidy that may be payable. They also do not factor in indexation of payments or rounding.

<b>Payment cuts</b>	<b>FTB supplements (offset by FTB Part A increase)</b>	<b>Pensioner Education Supplement (max rate)</b>	<b>Education Entry Payment</b>	<b>Energy Supplement</b>	<b>Total loss (pw)</b>
<b>Sole parent, one child aged 8</b>	\$10.77	\$31.2	\$4	\$4.75	\$50.72
<b>Sole parent, youngest child 16+ (in calendar year they turn 17)</b>	\$66.22	\$31.2	\$4	\$4.75	\$106.17
<b>sole parent, two children aged 5 and 7</b>	\$14.73	\$31.2	\$4	\$6	\$55.93

2. Number of people receiving Education Entry Payment and Pensioner Education Supplement

I cannot find data showing the number of Pensioner Education Supplement (PES) recipients who also receive the Education Entry Payment (EEP). However, the eligibility requirements are broadly the same, with a major exception being Parenting Payment Partnered or Partner Allowance recipients are ineligible for the PES.

According to eligibility criteria, someone receiving PES and who receives the Disability

Support Pension, Parenting Payment Single or Carer Payment would be eligible for the EEP if they had not already received EEP in the relevant calendar year. People receiving Newstart and who are single principle carers are also eligible for both payments. These groups comprise the vast majority of Pensioner Education Supplement recipients.

As put forward in evidence, 33,000 people receive the Pensioner Education Supplement (as at March 2016) and 83,000 receive the Education Entry Payment (number of recipients who received the payment in 14/15).

Kind regards

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