

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1.6 Income Support for Seniors

Question No: SQ16-000249

Topic: Defined Income

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

Does the department have data on the impact of the changes to the treatment of income from defined benefits? I am interested in their average annual income and the amount of the impact - the reduction. Say somebody is on a pension of \$11,400. What is the impact of these changes on them? How much would they lose, if they would lose? Including a break-down of the total affected group by \$10/fortnight increments eg, how many lost \$10/fortnight, how many lost \$10-\$20/fortnight and \$20-\$30 etc. Are you able to provide information to us about the number of pensioners across income brackets at all? I am interested in knowing the average income for people who have been impacted and by how much. Is it possible to get it state by state?

Answer:

The information requested requires a detailed breakdown of administrative data. Work is being undertaken to prepare and verify this analysis. It will be provided to the committee as soon as practicable and before the next estimates sitting.