

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 78

**Topic:** Aged Pensioners

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**Senator Fierravanti-Wells** asked:

Can you provide a quarterly breakdown of the number of recipients applying to utilise the pension advance option?

**Answer:**

In quarter 1 of 2010-11, ending September 2010, around 65,900 age pensioners applied for an advance payment. In quarter 2, ending December 2010, around 52,100 age pensioners applied for an advance payment. In quarter 3, ending March 2011, around 56,700 age pensioners applied for an advance payment. In quarter 4, ending June 2011, around 49,700 age pensioners applied for an advance payment.

If the same pensioner applies for an advance in more than one quarter, that pensioner would be counted in each of the quarters in which they applied for an advance.