Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio

2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 1 Question No: 674

Topic: Increasing the Age Pension Qualifying Age to 70

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Senator Brown asked:

The Commission of Audit recommended raising the pension age to 70 by 2053, a full eighteen years later than what the Government is planning to implement. Does the Department have evidence which supports the need to increase qualifying age to 70 by 2035 specifically?

Answer:

The Age Pension qualifying age is a decision of Government.