

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 4

**Question No:** 294

**Topic:** Income support for Seniors

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Has there been any direction from the minister to the department to develop any policy options for reducing the future costs associated with the age pension? If so, what was the nature of that direction?

**Answer:**

As part of its ongoing policy work for government, the Department works on options around pension settings, some of which involve savings to budgets and some of which do not.