

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

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Question No: 298

Topic: Income support for Seniors

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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 Wife Pension?

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.

Wife Pension is a closed payment. There have been no new grants since 1 July 1995.