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SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Topic: Income support for Seniors

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Senator Moore asked:

Can you please provide the latest data on number of people on the age pension in receipt of the pension work bonus?

Can you please provide data on the amount of work undertaken by those people?

Answer:

The Work Bonus is an income test concession that applies to all age pensioners who have employment income.

Around 151,000 age pensioners had employment income at some time during the year from October 2012 to October 2013.

Information is not collected about the amount of hours worked by pensioners. However, the average gross employment income of age pensioners with income from employment as at 30 September 2013 was \$700 a fortnight.