Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Senator Moore asked:

Can the Department indicate how much a person on each of the age pension, DSP and carer payment from 2009-14 is likely to receive over the period on the current indexation arrangement and under a CPI indexation arrangement? Please provide this by state, Centrelink office and federal electorate.

Answer:

Information about the amounts a person on a pension (Age Pension, Disability Support Pension or Carers Payment) would have received under alternative CPI only indexation arrangements compared to current indexation rules was provided in answer to the question taken on notice at the Budget Estimates hearings in June 2014 (EB14-000314). The answer is available on the Senate Parliamentary website.

Social security pension rates are the same in all parts of Australia irrespective of state or federal electorate. Amounts of pension paid vary only according to individual circumstances.