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Topic: Pensions - deeming Budget measure

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Moore asked:

I refer to the following exchange on page 67-68 of the Hansard: Senator Moore: How many part pensioners will be moved onto a lower part pension? This is the same kind of thing. Mr Joyce: We estimate that 530,000 customers would have a reduction in payment. Senator Moore: And they are people who are already part pensioners? Mr Joyce: Certainly the great majority of them are, yes. Exactly how many maximum rate pensioners would be moved onto part pensions? And how many part pensioners would be moved out of the pension system entirely?

Answer:

It is estimated that approximately 23,400 pensioners who were previously receiving a maximum rate payment will receive a part rate pension following the implementation of the measure on 20 September 2017. This is just under 4.5 per cent of the impacted population.

It is estimated that around 50 customers will have their pension cancelled.