

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 236**

**Topic:** Age Pension

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Please provide the most recent projections on the outlays on the Age Pension per month over the forward estimates if current indexation arrangements are maintained.

**Answer:**

Projections of income support expenditure, including the Age Pension, are not available on a monthly basis. They are calculated on an annual basis.

Projected outlays for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 would be the same as detailed in the Department of Social Services Portfolio Budget Statements 2014-15 (provided in response to Question on Notice ES14-000237). If current indexation provisions were maintained, projected Age Pension outlays would be \$177 million higher in 2017-18, the year in which the measure takes effect.