

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Fifield asked on 31/05/2011, Hansard page 93.

Question

Pensioner Education Supplement - Recipients Transitioned into Part or Full-Time Work

Senator FIFIELD: How many recipients of the supplement have transitioned into part-time or full-time work in 2010-11? Ms Milliken: I do not have that information available to me, but we could take that on notice. Senator FIFIELD: And for the previous two financial years.

Answer

The Department does not capture specific data on the number of Pensioner Education Supplement (PES) recipients who have transitioned into part-time or full-time work.

As an indication however, on average, of recipients who completed their first period of PES-related study in 2008 and 2009, around 14,500 declared earnings to Centrelink in any quarter of the following calendar year. In the March quarter 2011, around 17,000 people who had received PES in 2010 declared earnings. These figures cover former PES recipients still on income support at the end of March of the following years.

Source: Centrelink Administrative Data –DEEWR Research and Evaluation Database.