

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 25 OCTOBER 2018 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Pensioner Education Supplement and Education Entry Payment

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Senator: Murray Watt

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Question:

At 1 July 2018:

- 1) How many pensioner education supplement recipients were there?
- 2) How many education entry payment recipients were there?
- 3) How many people received both these payments?
- 4) For each payment, how many recipients had less than a full time study load?

Answer:

- 1) As at 29 June 2018, there were 24,315 recipients of the Pensioner Education Supplement.
- 2) In 2017-18, there were 46,298 recipients of the Education Entry Payment.
- 3) In 2017-18, there were 39,169 people who received both the Pensioner Education Supplement and the Education Entry Payment.
- 4) As at 29 June 2018, 9,547 recipients of the Pensioner Education Supplement had less than a full-time study load. As the Education Entry Payment is an irregular payment, study load for these recipients is unavailable.

Data as at 1 July 2018 is unavailable. Data as at 29 June 2018 has been provided. As the Education Entry Payment is an irregular payment, recipient numbers for 2017-18 have been provided.