

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.5 Supplementary Payments and Support for Income Support**

**Recipients**

**Question No: SQ16-000095**

**Topic: Pensioner Education Supplement**

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**Senator Carol Brown** asked:

Can you please provide the average income of people on the pensioner education supplement?

**Answer:**

**Attachment A** provides the average income from earnings and average income from other sources for Pensioner Education Supplement recipients as at September 2015.

Note: To be eligible for the Pensioner Education Supplement, a student must be receiving a qualifying income support payment. Amounts in Attachment A are in addition to payments made to recipients under their qualifying income support payment. Recipients may also be eligible for a range of other payments, such as Rent Assistance or Family Tax Benefit on top of their income support payment. Calculating the average income from all sources would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

**Attachment A**

<b>Recipients of Pensioner Education Supplement by average earnings and average income from other sources, reported in the last fortnight of September 2015</b>	
Average earnings from employment	\$645.88
Average income from other sources	\$22.59

Source: Department of Human Services Administrative Data (DSS Extract)