

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

Outcome Number: 1.6 Income Support for Seniors Question No: SQ16-000244

Topic: Pension portability

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

Can you provide a list of the country of origin of those that are impacted?

Answer:

The measure applies to all pensioners, with less than 35 years Australian Working Life Residence, regardless of their country of birth or country of destination.

However as a guide, the latest published Statistical Overview (2013) shows the highest numbers of people born overseas, receiving a pension in Australia, were born in the following countries:

- United Kingdom 259,444 (11 per cent of total Age Pension population in Australia)
- Italy 109,087 (4.6 per cent of total Age Pension population in Australia)
- Greece 71,886 (3.1 per cent of total Age Pension population in Australia)
- New Zealand 41,383 (3.1 per cent of total Age Pension population in Australia)