

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Social Services Portfolio**  
**2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 477**

**Topic: Downsizing for Seniors Program**

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**Senator Brown** asked:

How was the 25 year rule for home ownership devised? How many age pensioners have owned their own home for more than 25 years?

**Answer:**

The 25 year rule was a decision of the former Government in the 2013-14 Budget context.

Centrelink does not collect data on the period of tenure of Age Pensioners in their home.

The Australian Government announced in the 2014-15 Budget that it will not proceed with the Housing Help for Seniors pilot.