

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

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Topic: Downsizing for Seniors Program

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Senator Brown asked:

How was the \$112.4 million figure calculated?

Answer:

The \$112.4 million figure was the estimated cost of the Housing Help for Seniors measure as announced in the 2013-14 Budget papers. The cost was based on an estimated number of pensioners who may have been affected by the measure and the estimated higher rate of pension payable over the then forward estimates.

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