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Senator Brown asked:

What about a pensioner or pensioner couple who is currently receiving a small part pension because of their financial assets, who are near the full cut-off threshold for pension eligibility? Could these changes knock them out of the pension system entirely?

a. If yes to the above, would they also lose their pension supplement, their clean energy supplement and the benefit of the pensioner concession card?

Answer:

If a pension recipient is receiving a small part pension because of their financial assets only and they are near the full cut-off threshold for pension eligibility, they would be assessed under the assets test. Therefore, the measure would not apply to them.