

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

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 699**

**Topic: Increasing the Age Pension Qualifying Age to 70**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

What makes Australia so unique that it requires the highest public pension age in the world?

**Answer:**

The Senate has resolved that officers of a department of the Commonwealth shall not be asked to give opinions on matters of policy. This includes any questions asking for opinions of matters of policy.