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Topic: Increasing the Age Pension Qualifying Age to 70

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Senator Brown asked:

Has the Department done any modelling on the number of people between the ages of 67 and 70 that are likely to go onto Newstart as a result of this measure?

- a. How many people does the Department anticipate will go onto Newstart as a result of them no longer being eligible for the Age Pension?
- b. At what cost?

Answer:

From time to time, the Department has undertaken internal modelling to examine the effect of moving pension age settings. This kind of modelling extrapolates from observable trends and is highly sensitive to policy and demographic assumptions. Given the time lag before the 2025 pension age measure commences, to provide a robust projection of impacts, these assumptions would need to be refreshed closer to the implementation date.