

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 723

Topic: Increasing the Age Pension Qualifying Age to 70

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Senator Brown asked:

Is the Department aware that as a result of this measure, the average life expectancy for Aboriginal men is less than the proposed pension age?

Answer:

The Department is aware that between 2010 and 2012 the average life expectancy for Aboriginal men is 69.1. It is unclear what the life expectancy will be for Aboriginal men when the Age Pension qualifying age becomes 70 in 2035.