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Question No: SQ17-000302

Outcome Number: 1.5 Supplementary Payments and Support for Income Support Recipients

Topic: Energy Supplement

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

How many pensioners who have qualified for the pension since 20 September last year will lose the energy supplement after September this year?

Answer:

It is estimated that a total of 183,584 pension payment recipients will cease receiving the Energy Supplement on 20 September 2017 if the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending Carbon Tax Compensation) Bill 2017 is passed. These people all started receiving a pension on or after 20 September 2016.