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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Question No: SQ17-000312

Topic: Widow Allowance

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Senator Louise Pratt asked:

What was the estimate of those who would otherwise have gone onto Widow Allowance if it were not being closed on 1 January 2018?

Answer:

Over the forward estimates, the total population of people who will be on Newstart Allowance (JobSeeker from March 2020), who would have otherwise been granted Widow Allowance, is estimated as 4,818 over five years (to 2021–22).