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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Defined Benefits

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

The changes to defined benefits have been in place now for a little while, so I am wondering if you are able to provide data on the number of people who in fact had a reduced part pension or lost their part pension as a result? Also give an indication of the average impacts?

Answer:

As at 1 January 2016:

- 46,366 DSS recipients received a reduced pension/allowance by an average of \$86.46 a fortnight; and
- 1,572 DSS recipients had their payment cancelled with an average reduction of \$141.96 a fortnight.