

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1.6 Income Support for Seniors**

**Question No: SQ17-000345**

**Topic: Pension Eligibility**

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**Senator Louise Pratt asked:**

What is the estimation of the number of people who will not be eligible for a pension as a result of this measure each year over the next four years? Broken down by age and by payment.

**Answer:**

The Department estimates that the measure will affect approximately 2,390 people a year.

Of this cohort, approximately 1,690 will be delayed from qualifying for the Age Pension and approximately 700 will be delayed from qualifying for Disability Support Pension.

DSS cannot provide an age breakdown of those affected, as these are new payment grants made to people not currently in receipt of these payments.