

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

**Outcome Number: 1.7 Allowances and Concessions for Seniors Question No: SQ17-000464**

**Topic: Abolition of the Energy Supplement**

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**Senator Watt, Murray asked:**

In estimates it was stated that 650,000 people who started receiving a pension or allowance since September 2016 will lose the energy supplement. Could you please break this down by payment type.

**Answer:**

It is estimated that these 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 payment on or after 20 September 2016.

<b>Benefit Type</b>	<b>Number of recipients</b>
<b>DSS Payments</b>	
ABSTUDY - Secondary	3,015
Age Pension	85,405
Austudy	20,960
Bereavement Allowance	152
Carer Payment	32,050
Disability Support Pension	27,619
Newstart Allowance	287,401
Parenting Payment Partnered	24,839
Parenting Payment Single	35,159
Sickness Allowance	5,125
Special Benefit	1,831
Widow Allowance	1,418
Youth Allowance (Student)	77,752
Youth Allowance (Other)	54,936
<b>DVA Payments</b>	<b>10,446</b>
<b>Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Payments</b>	<b>1,029</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>669,137</b>

\* Note: Some DVA clients receive more than one payment attracting the Energy Supplement