

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 296

Topic: Income support for Seniors

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Senator Moore asked:

Has there been any direction from the minister to the department to develop any policy options for reducing the future costs associated with the Widow B Pension? If so, what was the nature of that direction?

Answer:

As part of its ongoing policy work for government, the Department works on options around pension settings, some of which involve savings to budgets and some of which do not.

Widow B Pension is a closed payment. There have been no new grants since 20 March 1997.