

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2016 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Age Pension - New Claims

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Question:

In each month of the following periods what was the number of new Aged Care Pension applications;

- a) 2015/16 budget year?
- b) 2016/17 budget year to date?

Answer:

Month	Inflow	Weeks in month
July 2015	16,012	5
August 2015	13,573	4
September 2015	16,536	5
October 2015	12,993	4
November 2015	12,687	4
December 2015	13,082	5
January 2016	12,539	4
February 2016	15,625	4
March 2016	15,520	5
April 2016	13,154	4
May 2016	13,118	4
June 2016	15,638	5
2015/16 Total	170,477	
July 2016	13,548	4
August 2016	17,125	5
September 2016	12,965	4
October 2016	12,982	4

Claims data is only available on a weekly basis and it is not possible to provide a true monthly result. Weekly data has been grouped into months, which results in some months having five weeks of data and some months having four.