

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Parents and 1 January 2013 social security changes

3. How many parents affected by the 1 January 2013 changes in Parenting Payment (single or partnered) are in receipt of the Pensioner Education Supplement? Are there transitional arrangements that will allow them to continue their studies?

Answer

As at 25 November 2011, there were 11 408 “grandfathered” Parenting Payment Single (PPS) recipients receiving the Pensioner Education Supplement (PES). There are no “grandfathered” Parenting Payment Partnered recipients receiving PES.

“Grandfathered” PPS recipients who are receiving PES and who cease to be eligible for PPS due to their youngest child turning 12 or 13 under the 1 January 2013 Parenting Payment reforms will cease to be eligible for PES. Affected “grandfathered” recipients who transfer to Newstart Allowance may be entitled to other education-related support to assist with the costs of undertaking approved study, such as the Education Entry Payment or the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Supplement.