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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Topic: CPRS Household Assistance

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Question: (Senator Bernardi)

- a) Does the Government's proposed CPRS give compensation to those people on Australian pensions who live permanently overseas?
- b) If so, what are the details of this compensation?

Answer:

The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) Household Assistance Package is provided to Australian pensioners via an increase to the Pension Supplement. Australian pensioners living overseas for more than 13 weeks are only eligible for the Pension Supplement basic amount (formally the GST Supplement) which will not be adjusted on account of the introduction of the CPRS. The Pension Supplement above the basic amount (which will contain the CPRS adjustment) can only be paid to those pensioners who live in Australia. Therefore, Australian pensioners living permanently overseas will not receive CPRS household assistance.