

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

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Topic: Centrelink - Number of carer payment recipients who moved on to aged pension

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SENATOR McLUCAS asked the Minister for Human Services, upon written notice:

Please provide the number of carer payment recipients who moved on to aged pension in both the 2003-04 and 2004-05 financial years. And, how many carer payment recipients who reached aged pension age, elected to remain on carer payment for those financial years.

Answers:

The total number of Carer Payment recipients who moved on to Age Pension was 1087 and 1427 in 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively. These numbers include customers who were of Age Pension qualifying age and moved to Age Pension as a result of no longer qualifying for Carer Payment.

The number of Carer Payment recipients who reached Age Pension age and continued to receive Carer Payment in those financial years was 1072 and 1896 respectively.