

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th JULY 2011**

Question

How many survivors have ceased to receive a survivor's pension due to co-habitation or marriage during the last ten years? How many survivors, currently in receipt of a survivor's pension, live outside Jersey? What steps are taken by his Department to ensure compliance with the terms of receipt of a survivor's pension?

Answer

Currently there are 852 claims to Survivor's Pension in payment. This benefit is paid to survivors under pension age, with 79 % of claimants aged over 50.

The number of individuals claiming Survivors Pension, analysed by age is given in the table below (as at 30 April 2011). Please note that some women will have a pension age of 60.

Age 30 and under	Age 31-40	Age 41-50	Age 51-60	Age 61-64	Total
3	27	149	419	254	852

Of the above 488 claimants are resident in Jersey and the remaining 364 claims are paid outside of the Island.

Since January 2005 75 Survivor's Pension claims have been closed due to co-habitation or remarriage.

Checks are made on overseas claims on a regular basis. Forms were issued to all overseas claimants in 2009 to verify claim details. This exercise is due to be repeated towards the end of 2011. More information is available on local claimants and the department pro-actively investigates all cases of potential customer error or fraud.