

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 17th JANUARY 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24th JANUARY 2022**

Question

Will the Minister advise how many people who are eligible for their States pension do not receive it due to the impact of the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) (Jersey) Order 1975, and how many more people it is estimated this will affect over the next 5 years?

Answer

It is a fundamental rule of the Social Security Scheme that no one can claim more than one weekly benefit in a given weekly period, the Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) (Jersey) Order 1975 (“the Order”) maintains that rule. There is only one situation in which the Order applies to pensioners, and that is in relation to the interaction between the Old Age Pension (“OAP”) and Home Carers Allowance (“HCA”).

If a person is in receipt of HCA prior to reaching pensionable age, they have the option of either continuing to receive HCA or moving to their OAP, whichever they prefer. There are currently 6 people of pensionable age who have chosen to continue to receive HCA rather than move to their OAP.

With the data available on current claims, there are seven people claiming HCA who will reach pension age in the next five years. If these people are still claiming HCA at that time, they will be given the choice of either continuing with their HCA claim or beginning to claim their OAP.