

SENIORS AND AGEING — SENIORS CARD

5627. Ms M.J. Davies to the Minister for Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering; Sport and Recreation:

I refer to the WA Seniors Card program, and I ask:

- (a) Please advise the total number of current WA Seniors Card recipients;
- (b) How many of the recipients identified in (a) are residents in country local government areas as defined under the terms and conditions for the Country Age Pension Fuel Card Scheme;
- (c) How many of the recipients identified in (b) are members of a couple as defined under the terms and conditions for the Country Age Pension Fuel Card Scheme; and
- (d) With respect to the changing qualification age, what is the anticipated number of card holders in:
  - (i) 2020–21;
  - (ii) 2021–22; and
  - (iii) 2022–23?

**Mr M.P. Murray replied:**

- (a) 395,095
- (b) 83,881
- (c) The Department of Communities does not record the relationship/marital status of WA Seniors Card members other than for payment for the Cost of Living Rebate. The Cost of Living Rebate is only made to WA Seniors Card members who have registered to receive the payment.
- (d)
  - (i) 2020–21 – 404,748
  - (ii) 2021–22 – 400,734
  - (iii) 2022–23 – 415,218