

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT — COUNTRY AGE PENSION FUEL CARD

5626. Ms M.J. Davies to the minister representing the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports; Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to the Country Age Pension Fuel Card program, and I ask:

- (a) Please advise the total number of Country Age Pension Fuel Card holders;
- (b) How many of the recipients identified in (a) are aged 63 years or more; and
- (c) How many of the recipients identified in (b) are members of a couple?

Mr M. McGowan replied:

- (a) As at 11 October 2019, the total number of Country Age Pension Fuel Card holders was 52,875.
- (b)–(c) It is not possible to provide an answer to these two questions. Eligibility for a Fuel Card is based on regional residence and pension payment type.
Age/couple status is neither provided to, nor recorded by, the Department of Transport as administrators of the Fuel Card scheme.