

APPENDIX # (1)
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2020-2023)
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
NOTICE PAPER NO. 297

Member Asking: Ms. Annette Ferguson, M.P.

Minister Answering: The Senior Minister in the Office of the President
with Responsibility for Finance

QUESTIONS

PENSIONERS BENEFITTING FROM WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUBSIDIES

- a) Could the Hon. Minister provide the National Assembly with a disaggregated list, as per region, of the number of pensioners who are benefitting from both water and electricity subsidies as of May, 2023?
- b) Could the Hon. Minister also inform the National Assembly what is the total cost per month this measure has on the treasury?

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Answer 1

It would be recalled that in 2015, the then APNU/AFC Government callously removed the electricity and water subsidies from pensioners, thereby reducing the disposable income of this vulnerable section of our society. This unconscionable act resulted in the loss of over \$200 million in water subsidy and \$350 million in electricity subsidy to our pensioners annually.

Please see below a disaggregation by region, of the number of pensioners that benefitted from water subsidies as of May 2023.

PENSIONERS BENEFITTED FROM WATER SUBSIDY AS OF MAY 2023	
Region	Number of Pensioners
Region 2 - Pomeroon / Supenaam	1,978
Region 3 - Essequibo Islands / West Demerara	5,217
Region 4 - Demerara / Mahaica	13,238
Region 5 - Mahaica / Berbice	2,939
Region 6 - East Berbice / Corentyne	4,708
Region 7 - Cuyuni / Mazaruni	300
Region 9 - Upper Takutu / Upper Essequibo	13
Region 10 - Upper Demerara / Upper Berbice	1,530
Grand Total	29,923