Why is household monthly income per person used as an indication of my household support for the Silver Support Scheme?

The Silver Support (SS) Scheme is meant for seniors who had low incomes during their working years and now have less in retirement. To automatically identify seniors who are eligible for SS, the Government has to rely on available data as broad indicators of an individual's ability to save for retirement, access to resources and family support. We have relied on the household monthly income per person as a broad indicator of the level of family support available.