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Dear Committee Secretary

Response to Question from Senator Siewert

I refer to the Committee's Inquiry into the Aged Care Living Longer Living Better Bill 2013 and Associated Legislation. At the Committee's sitting on 2 nd May 2013 in Canberra Senator Siewert asked Anglicare Australia's witnesses in relation to the additional on costs incurred through the Workforce Supplement that would be incurred by providers as follows:

"Senator Siewert: If it would not be too much hassle, it would be interesting to know what quantum we are talking about with the on costs."

We took that question on notice and now provide the following advice.

Anglicare Australia has canvassed its member organisations to seek further advice on their estimations of on costs being incurred to meet the Workforce Compact in addition to the 1% supplement. Our member organisations are in the process of calculating these figures based on the details of the recently provided Compact. It has been difficult to estimate the additional costs given the lack of details provided. Early indications from a small number of members are that the on costs are estimated to be around 20 to 23 per cent in addition to the 1 percent funded by the Government and paid under the Workforce Supplement.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this additional information.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director