

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: Aged Care Reform - ACFA

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

- a) Has a figure of \$1 Billion been put to the department; and
- b) is it true that the main banks and commercial aged-care providers estimate that investments in aged-care infrastructure of \$1 Billion have been put on hold as a result of this uncertainty?

Answer:

- a) No.
- b) Subsequent to the 30 May 2012 Senate Estimate hearings, a commercial provider group wrote to the Minister estimating that industry-wide over \$1 billion in development plans for new and redeveloped facilities have been put on hold. No detail was given as to how they arrived at this estimate; the Department therefore has no basis on which to assess this estimate.