

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 – Aged Care Financing Authority

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Has the Minister or the department received letters from providers about these changes and the impact they will have, particularly in relation to their reversal and decisions on the reversal by so many providers to build a new home?

Answer:

Yes. The Department of Health and Ageing has received correspondence from a small number of providers indicating some development has been put on hold as a result of the uncertainty arising from the aged care reform announcement.

The Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, the Hon Mark Butler MP, and the Department have been meeting with representatives of aged care providers, banks and consumers to work through key details of proposed aged care financing arrangements. Using feedback from these consultations the Government developed the Interim Operating Framework for the Aged Care Financing Authority which was released on 6 August 2012. The Interim Operating Framework gives certainty to industry about the process for operationalising the new arrangements.