

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: Aged Care Funding Instrument

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Is it true that the ACFI changes released by the Department on the 29 May are different to the business rules released by the ACFI Monitoring Group on the 30 March 2012?

Answer:

The Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) Monitoring Group considered a number of options which included changes to Question 3 scores and change to the Complex Health Care (CHC) matrix between December 2011 and March 2012. The Department of Health and Ageing consulted further with stakeholders on possible changes to the ACFI between May and June 2012.

The Department did not release ACFI changes on 29 May 2012 nor did the ACFI Monitoring Group release business rules on 30 March 2012.

The final changes to the ACFI were released on 21 June 2012, following consultation with the sector. Details of these changes are available at

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-mailfax-2012-2106.htm>