Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Senator Helen Polley asked:

How have you been engaging with the states and territories as part of the planning for the 2015 ACAR?

Please outline the detail of the feedback so far.

How will this be used in making decisions about the planning ratios?

How have you engaged with stakeholders as part of planning for 2015 ACAR?

Answer:

A range of stakeholders were invited to participate in the streamlined consultation process, including state, territory and local governments.

The Department will consider the information collected through this process, as well as data and other information held by the Department, to determine the regional distribution of aged care places for the 2015 ACAR, which will be published on the Department's website when the 2015 ACAR is launched.

The streamlined consultation process is not used to make decisions about the aged care provision ratios.