

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 421

**Topic:** Aged Care Workforce

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**Senator Polley** asked:

Please outline the various “pots of money” in both ageing and disability sectors which work on different aspects of workforce (as per Thursday’s transcript page 69).

**Answer:**

There are various funding streams that support the current and future workforce for ageing and disability services. For aged care this includes the Aged Care Workforce Fund which currently supports a range of activities to improve clinical care, assist industry recruitment and retention, and create career paths through access to a continuum of training, education and professional development.

Disability funding in respect of workforce supports allied health professionals to increase service coverage in rural and remote areas of Australia so that children with disability, their parents and carers living in rural and remote localities have better access to early intervention services. Programmes include:

- The National Rural and Remote Support Services (NRRSS);
- Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH); and
- Autism Specific Learning and Care Centres (ASELCCs) and the Aboriginal Liaison Officer (ALO) projects.

The ageing and disability workforce may also be able to access funding under initiatives managed by other commonwealth agencies.