

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Senate Community Affairs References Committee

Support at Home Program

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Classification and 200,000 data points

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Senator: Penny Allman-Payne

Question:

CHAIR: In relation to classification and those 200,000 data points that we used, who did that?

Ms Atkinson: I believe that work was undertaken internally by the department.

CHAIR: The department did that?

Ms Atkinson: Yes.

CHAIR: Did the department do a report on that?

Ms Atkinson: No, the department did not do a final report on that piece.

CHAIR: So you did the work but you didn't report on it to government? You didn't create a report internally?

Mr Pugh: I might take that on notice, because we wouldn't have just undertaken the trial and not had any output or outcomes. Let me take that on notice.

CHAIR: If I could find out what that output is

Answer:

The outputs from this analysis informed the development of the classification algorithm.

The Department does not disclose advice provided to government.