

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health and Aged Care

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Inquiry into the Aged Care Bill 2024 (Provisions)

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Key differences between the 1997 Act and the 2024 Bill

Written

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Question:

What are the key differences between the 1997 Act and the 2024 Bill

Answer:

The *Aged Care Act 1997* is structured around providers and how to fund them - not about the people accessing services and what they need.

The Aged Care Bill 2024 focuses on older people and their care needs.

Once enacted, the Bill will deliver a rights-based aged care system, a new program to provide support for older people in their homes, strengthened Quality Standards, a new regulatory framework and a stronger regulator, and co-contributions to make the Australian aged care system fair and sustainable into the future.