

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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Provision for debts to be wiped off

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Senator: Anne Ruston

Question:

Senator RUSTON: Is there any proposal for a provision where, if it can be identified that it was an error made by Services Australia or some government instrument, that bad debt, or risk of bad debt, doesn't sit with the provider?

Answer:

The Aged Care Bill 2024 includes a comprehensive debt recovery framework in Part 13 of Division 1 of Chapter 6. This includes the ability to write-off and waive recoverable amounts in certain circumstances. These arrangements supplement arrangements administered by the Department of Finance relating to debt waiver.