

# **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)**

**03 October 2024**

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**Why does the Bill not recommend phasing out RADs**

**Written**

**Senator:** Marielle Smith

**Question:**

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety recommended phasing out RADs by 2025. Why doesn't the Bill do this

**Answer:**

The Aged Care Taskforce report recommended a cautious approach to phase out of Refundable Accommodation Deposits (RADs) (recommendation 12).

In response to the Taskforce report, the Government announced it will take progressive steps to ensure providers reduce their reliance on RADs and consider phasing out RADs, subject to an independent legislated review by 2030, to confirm the sector's financial state and access to capital.