

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Senate Community Affairs References Committee

The Transition of the Commonwealth Home Support Program to the Support at Home Program

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Cost-benefit analysis been undertaken as to the value of maintaining or transitioning CHSP to Support at Home

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Senator: Anne Ruston

Question:

CHAIR: Has a cost-benefit analysis been undertaken as to the value of maintaining or transitioning CHSP to Support at Home?

Mr Pugh: Not in recent times, as far as I'm aware.

CHAIR: When was the last cost-benefit analysis completed?

Mr Pugh: I'll have to take that one on notice. It may have been some ways back, pre royal commission times, because, as you know, the transition of the Commonwealth Home Support Program into one integrated program has been on and off for some period of time. But in recent times, in my recent memory, a cost-benefit analysis specifically related to this issue does not spring to mind.

Answer:

- All advice provided to government relating to the transition of the Commonwealth Home Support (CHSP) Program into the Support at Home (SaH) program includes a thorough consideration of costs and benefits.