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Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
Senate Community Affairs References Committee
Support at Home Program
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Modelling or guidance in relation to the initial prototype and algorithm

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Senator: Penny Allman-Payne

Question:

CHAIR: —if I understand correctly, there was a second component that also happened in 2024-25, which was looking at the prioritisation part of the tool. You said that was done on 100,000.

Ms Atkinson: Yes, that's right; 100,000 assessments.

CHAIR: Was that also done internally?

Ms Atkinson: Yes, that was done internally by departmental staff.

CHAIR: In which case, I have the same question: could the committee have a copy of the output of that? If we come back to 2020, when I asked earlier who made the decision, you said you would take that on notice. That's fine—is it possible to provide the committee with any modelling or guidance that was provided in relation to that recommendation at the time prior to 2020 when the initial prototype and algorithm were designed?

Mr Pugh: Yes, we can have a look at what we can provide.

Answer:

The Department does not disclose advice provided to government.