

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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Choices between a DAP and a RAD

Written

Senator: Marielle Smith

Question:

Will people be able to choose between a DAP and a RAD? What protections are there for consumers to make this choice

Answer:

Yes. Individuals that are required to pay for their accommodation will retain the right to choose how they do so, by paying either a Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP), a Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD) or a combination. Similarly, individuals that are required to contribute to their accommodation will be able to choose to pay by either a Daily Accommodation Contribution (DAC), a Refundable Accommodation Contribution (RAC) or a combination.

The legislation will prevent providers from requiring residents to make a choice of how they pay prior to entering care. Section 293 (2) of the Bill specifies that a registered provider must not require an individual to choose how to pay an accommodation payment or accommodation contribution before an individual's start day.