

**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Department of Health, Disability and Ageing**

**Senate Community Affairs References Committee**

**Support at Home Program**

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**Budget savings in relation to use of the Integrated Assessment Tool**

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**Senator: Anne Ruston**

**Question:**

**Senator RUSTON:** No, I didn't say that. I wasn't saying there was a saving—

**Mr Pugh:** Okay—my apologies.

**Senator RUSTON:** I just asked whether there was. Were there any budget savings actually attached to anything in the advice that was first sent to the minister—obviously, for the approval about the use of the Integrated Assessment Tool without human override?

**Mr Pugh:** I don't think so, but I'll take that one on notice.

**Answer:**

- The Department is not able to disclose the contents of advice provided to government.