

# PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Senate Community Affairs References Committee

Support at Home Program

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## Integrated Assessment Tool - Consultation: Removal of Human Override

### Written

**Senator:** Anne Ruston

### Question:

1. Please provide a list of providers, older Australians, advocacy groups, and any other relevant stakeholders consulted regarding the removal of the human override option for the IAT.
2. Please outline the forums in which these consultations occurred (e.g. roundtables, bilateral meetings, workshops etc.).
3. Please provide any summaries, briefing materials or documentation outlining the key themes or consensus arising from these consultations in relation to the removal of human override for the IAT.

### Answer:

- Chapter 2 of the Aged Care Rules 2025 includes provisions supporting the operation of the IAT Classification component, which were shared for full public consultation prior to them being made by the Minister.
- This chapter of the Rules was first released in the Stage 4b consultation on the Rules for the Aged Care Act 2024 on 15 April 2025 and closed on 13 May 2025. They were released alongside a supporting document, also published on the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (Department) website.
- 60 submissions were received in response to Stage 4b consultations.
- On 31 July 2025 the Department published a consolidated final draft of the Rules to give the sector early visibility of what to expect in the final Rules.
- The final Rules were signed and made by the Minister for Aged Care and Seniors in September 2025. Changes made between the initial exposure draft in April, the final draft in July and the making of the final Rules in September were minor and technical in nature