

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013

Question: E13-226

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: ACFI Fraud Investigations

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

How many providers have fraud investigations afoot right now?

Answer:

The Department of Health and Ageing, through the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) Review Program, changes the classification of approximately one in every five ACFI appraisals reviewed. Two in every three services visited by the Department have inaccurate claims corrected through this process.

The Department acts on inaccurate claiming by approved providers of aged care in a number of ways including referral of some approved providers for further investigation in relation to possible fraud. Further detail in regard to these referrals could result in the identification of approved providers under investigation, which is protected information under the *Aged Care Act 1997*.