

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 11 – Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Workforce Development

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

- a) Please outline what aged care programs are being funded from the previous Aged care Workforce Development Fund, that has now been streamlined with health workforce funding?
- b) In addition, please indicate the funding allocated to the aged care programs?

Answer:

- As part of the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO), the Government announced the Aged Care Workforce Development Fund was being combined into a single Health Workforce Programme.
- Combining funding for the aged care and health workforces into a single stream, recognises that a more flexible and integrated approach will better meet the health needs of the nation's ageing population.
- In line with the Government's prioritisation of Indigenous issues, all existing Aged care Workforce Development Fund Indigenous specific activities will continue. These include the Indigenous Remote Service Delivery Traineeships (IRSDT), the Aged Care Training and Education Incentives (ACETI), the Rural and Remote Training Project (RRTP), and the Northern Territory Training Project.
- The Aged Care Education and Training Incentive will cease on 31 March 2016 but will continue to support existing students until they have completed their studies or the ceasing of the programme in June 2020. Aged Care Workforce Vocational Education and Training will cease on 31 March 2016 as planned and does not have ongoing funding.
- Aged Care Workforce Development transferred funds for the 2015-2019 financial years' totals approximately \$75.5 million.
- In addition funding for the Dementia Care Essentials training (\$14.9 million) has been transferred to the Dementia and Aged Care Services (DACS) fund.