

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

**Topic:** Diversity Framework

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

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**Question:**

- a) What are the resources (human/financial) allocated to the development of the Diversity Framework that is being designed to replace the existing strategies?
- b) How will these resources be distributed to peak bodies to develop the framework?
- c) What measures are in place to ensure there is a smooth transition of the existing strategies and the new framework?

**Answer:**

- a) The Aged Care Sector Committee (ACSC) Diversity sub-group has been established to provide advice to Government on the development of the Aged Care Diversity Framework. The department is providing Secretariat support to the ACSC Diversity sub-group and the existing Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) working groups. There is no program funding allocated for the development of the Framework.
- b) Peak organisations will contribute to the development of the Framework using funding from their current agreements with the Department of Health.
- c) The existing CALD and LGBTI Strategies span from 2012 to 30 June 2017. The principles and goals of these existing strategies will remain in place and work on the specific action items in the Strategies will be ongoing until the Framework is finalised. Learnings from the previous strategies will be used to inform the new framework as appropriate.