

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Aged Care Legislative Review

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

When will the government commence work on the design of a new funding system for residential aged care? What process will the Government adopt to ensure transparency and whole of sector input into the designed of a new funding system?

Answer:

The Australian Government is examining ways to improve the long-term operation of residential aged care funding to strengthen the way care funding is determined, in consultation with the Aged Care Sector Committee.

The Department of Health engaged the University of Wollongong to consider current aged care funding arrangements and provide expert technical advice on options for future funding models for residential aged care.

The University of Wollongong's final report has been provided to the Minister for Aged Care for his consideration. There will be further consultation on reform options with the Aged Care Sector Committee and the broader aged care sector, before any decisions are made.