

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Home Care

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

\$250,000 was provided to peak stakeholders to support their networks with the introduction of Increasing Choice last year – how was this funding utilised?

Answer:

The Department of Health has funded the peak service provider organisations Aged and Community Services Australia (ACSA) and Leading Age Services Australia (LASA) to work closely with the Department to:

- contribute to their support activities for providers, with a focus on smaller providers and those in rural and remote areas in transitioning to the new home care arrangements;
- distribute communication materials and factsheets on the home care reforms through their networks to assist providers to better understand the reforms; and
- ensure providers are ready to deliver services in the new environment.

The Department also funded the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) and Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) to support their members and consumers with the changes to home care.