Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question:

If on the 1 July 2012, a resident passes away who is currently assessed with a High ADL and a new resident is admitted on the 2 July 2012 with an identical assessment, will the new resident be paid the same, more or less than the former?

How much less will the new resident receive in care per day?

Answer:

A resident admitted to residential aged care on 2 July 2012 will be assessed against the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) scores amended on 1 July 2012. It is not possible to determine what their level of funding would be under the new arrangements without conducting an assessment.

Despite any change to the scores within the ACFI, each resident must be assessed on their individual care needs and the providers will continue to be required to meet those care needs.