

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

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Question: E13-210

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: Aged Care Financing Authority Membership

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Senator: Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

Could you take on notice the broad category of people and how many suggestions you made to the Minister in relation to the appointments?

Answer:

When considering appointments to the Aged Care Financing Authority (ACFA), the following categories of people were sought:

- An Independent Chair;
- An Independent Deputy Chair;
- An expert with substantial experience and significant standing in the provision of aged care services, with particular expertise in relation to the not-for-profit sector;
- An expert with substantial experience and significant standing in the provision of aged care services, with particular expertise in relation to the for-profit sector;
- An expert with substantial experience and significant standing in the provision of debt finance to the aged care sector or similar sectors;
- An expert with substantial experience and significant standing in the provision of equity investment to the aged care sector or similar sectors;
- An expert with substantial experience and significant standing in the representation of the interests of consumers; and
- An expert with substantial experience and significant standing in the representation of the interests of workers.

The current membership of ACFA reflects this mix of skills and was determined by the former Minister for Mental Health and Ageing based on advice of the Department and other consultations.