Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio

2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 3 Question No: 421

Topic: Residential and Flexible Care - Aged care Payroll Tax Supplement

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Senator Polley asked:

Please provide any modelling undertaken prior to the decision to cease the Aged care Pay Roll Tax Supplement?

Answer:

As reported in Budget Paper No. 2, the Government will achieve savings of \$652.7 million over four years by ceasing Payroll Tax Supplement payments to currently eligible residential aged care provider from 1 January 2015.

Modelling undertaken indicates that this measure will impact round 60 per cent of residential aged care providers. For-profit providers make up almost half of those providers that receive the supplement and receive 90 per cent of payroll tax supplement payments.