

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator:** Brown, Carol

**Question:**

Senator Carol Brown: I am interested in the other two, *Out-of-pocket costs in Australian healthcare*, tabled on 22 August 2014 and *Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia*, tabled on 26 March 2014.

Mr Bowles: I will endeavour to get you an answer to those, Senator, I do not have it off the top of my head.

Senator Carol Brown: Could you indicate, as much as you can, when that response will be made public and when the response went to government?

Mr Bowles: I do not know specifically. I will find out.

Senator Carol Brown: We will include speech pathology services in that.

**Answer:**

The Government responses to the *Out-of-pocket costs in Australian healthcare* and *Prevalence of different types of speech, language and communication disorders and speech pathology services in Australia*, tabled by the Community Affairs References Committee on 22 August 2014 and 2 September 2014 respectively, are currently being considered by the Government.

The Government response to the *Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia*, tabled by the Community Affairs References Committee on 26 March 2014 is the responsibility of the Department of Social Services and is currently being considered by the Government.