

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 3.2 Home Support

Question No: SQ15-000356

Topic: Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP)

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Senator Helen Polley asked:

The Budget indicated an amalgamation of Home Care Packages and the CHSP. Would CHSP recipients be expected to pay 17.5 per cent of their pension on CHSP services?

Will consumers need an ACAT to access what was the CHSP when it is amalgamated into home care packages?

Answer:

No decision has been taken on the fees arrangements for the amalgamated programme. The Department of Social Services will be consulting with stakeholders on potential programme and funding models for an integrated Home Care Packages and Commonwealth Home Support Programme. This will include considering the assessment arrangements and fees and charges that will apply under the new programme.