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Topic: Review of Dementia Services

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Senator Polley, Helen asked:

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- (i) What are the drivers behind the Government's current review into dementia services?
- (ii) What is the expected outcome of the review and how do you intend to better support people with dementia through the outcome of this review?
- (iii) Are there any other dementia programs/measures funded by Health?
- (iv) Will they come across to DSS?
- (v) What is the interaction between Health and DSS in relation to these programs/measures?
- (vi) Were they included in the dementia review?
- (vii) If not why not?

Answer:

- (i) The Analysis of Dementia Programmes arose in response to a recommendation from the First Ministerial Dementia Forum.
- (ii) The Analysis of Dementia Programmes is intended to optimise the national coordination, integration and effectiveness of dementia support programmes.
- (iii) As part of the 2014 Budget, the Government announced \$200 million over five years to boost dementia research.
- (iv) No. This is a health research programme and as such falls within the Health portfolio.
- (v) Officials of the Department of Social Services and the Department of Health regularly interact.
- (vi) The Department of Health was consulted by KPMG as part of the Analysis of Dementia Programmes.
- (vii) The objectives of the first Ministerial Dementia Forum were to consider strategies within the existing Department of Social Services dementia programme funding envelope to improve the adoption of better practice dementia care and support in both residential care and care and support in the home. Therefore the consequent analysis of dementia programmes has remained focussed on these programmes.