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Topic: Aged Care Planning Advisory Committees

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Senator Helen Polley asked:

With the abolition of the Aged Care Planning Advisory Committees, how are decisions made in relation to the allocation of places across the Aged Care Planning Regions?

Who will make the decision around the allocation of places across the Aged Care Planning Regions?

Answer:

The Department undertook a streamlined consultation process in June to replace the input to planning previously contributed by Aged Care Planning Advisory Committees.

The Department will consider the information collected through this process, as well as data and other information held by the Department, to determine the regional distribution of aged care places for the 2015 ACAR, which will be published on the Department's website when the 2015 ACAR is launched.

In accordance with section 12-4 of the *Aged Care Act 1997* (the Act), distributing available places between the regions of the state or territory is the responsibility of a delegate of the Secretary.