

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
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**Topic: Aged Care Planning Advisory Committees**

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**Senator Helen Polley asked:**

The abolition of these Committees is part of the Government's Smaller Government measures.

Can you outline how the abolition of these Committees contribute to the Smaller Government measures?

How does this reduce the size of Government?

How does this eliminate duplication and waste?

How does this streamline services?

How does this reduce the cost of Government administration?

**Answer:**

The removal of Aged Care Planning Advisory Committees (ACPACs) contributes to the Smaller Government strategy by providing a more direct link between a broader range of aged care stakeholders and the Department, which provides a more comprehensive range of information about the need for aged services.

Abolishing the ACPACs has removed any costs associated with convening the Committees.