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Question No: SQ15-000355

Topic: Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP)

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Senator Helen Polley asked:

What advice has been provided to Meals on Wheels to address the concerns about increased costs?

Answer:

The Government has worked closely with the Australian Meals on Wheels Association regarding the recent changes to the fees policy, which was announced on 17 June 2015. This information is available at <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/ageing-and-aged-care/overview/advice-to-the-aged-care-industry/certainty-for-commonwealth-home-support-programme>.

An email was also distributed to all CHSP providers – including meals on wheels providers – to inform them of the Government’s announcement regarding fees.

The principle based framework for fees will be developed in consultation with the National Aged Care Alliance and peak bodies, including the Australian Meals on Wheels Association. It will be released in coming months.