

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 3.5 Workforce and Quality**

**Question No: SQ15-000394**

**Topic: Aged Care Complaints**

**Hansard page: Written**

**Senator Helen Polley** asked:

What measures will be taken to guarantee the independence of the Aged Care Commissioner?

**Answer:**

The Aged Care Commissioner (the Commissioner) is and will continue to be an independent statutory office holder who reports directly to the Assistant Minister for Social Services.