

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
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**Topic: Review of Dementia Services**

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**Senator Helen Polley asked:**

Given that the initial Dementia Forum in September 2014 was jointly convened by the Health Minister and the Social Services Assistant Minister please explain why Dementia programs in the Health portfolio were not part of the review?

**Answer:**

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.