

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

**Outcome Number: 3.6 Ageing and Service Improvement      Question No: SQ15-000410**

**Topic: Dementia and Aged Care Services Fund**

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**Senator Helen Polley asked:**

Can the Government provide information about where \$20.1m cut to the Dementia and Aged Care Services Fund will come from?

**Answer:**

No current agreements are being ceased as a result of the reduction.

Current time limited agreements will cease as scheduled at the end of the specified project in line with normal practice.

Funding levels represent a streamlining to better target areas of greatest need; particularly dementia care, and ensuring Indigenous Australians and people from diverse backgrounds receive the same quality of care as other older Australians. This will not result in reduced services but in a slightly lower amount of funding being available for discretionary projects.