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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Is the Commonwealth invoiced for full cost recovery of Individual Support packages or cost of supported accommodation, provision of customised equipment, rehabilitation and allied health services etc?

What is the total cost to the commonwealth of the cost invoice for this group?

Answer:

The Commonwealth is invoiced by the states and territories for delivering specialist disability services to older people (aged 65 years and over, and Indigenous Australians aged 50 years and over) through programmes run by the states and territories. Costs of state and territory run programmes vary and are in accordance with individual programme service offers and arrangements.

In 2012-13, the cost to the six participating states for delivering these services amounted to \$116,129,000 invoiced to the Commonwealth.

Payments for 2013-14 onwards have not yet been made as the Commonwealth and states are considering cross-billing interactions in the context of the National Disability Insurance Scheme. This is being progressed through NDIS bilateral discussions.