

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 30 May 2017**

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**Topic:** My Aged Care

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**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

Ms Buffinton: Okay. The AMR research and NACA acknowledge the fact that My Aged Care has improved markedly. In terms of that \$3.1 million—in order to run My Aged Care annually the costs have traditionally been about \$15 million. As we make a more complex system, that \$3.1 million for this year is for making sure that the IT system continues to work. It is not for enhancements. It is just to make sure that the IT system works. We do releases about every quarter, and it is to make sure that the system is working as optimally as we can make it. It is not an additional enhancement of function.

Senator POLLEY: Perhaps you could just take it on notice and let us know what it is you are actually doing. But I have to move on because we are short of time.

**Answer:**

The \$3.1 million provides additional funding to supplement the total cost of the Department of Social Services hosting and maintaining the My Aged Care ICT applications and infrastructure in 2017-18.