

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Question:

I would be interested if you could tell me on notice why a particular home would keep applying if you had advised them the year before that, because of their ESS status, they should not waste their time applying.

Answer:

As set out in the published Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR) guidance material and the *Aged Care Act 1997*, approved providers are not eligible for capital grant funding via the ACAR if they have Extra Service Status (ESS) places at the service to which the application for capital funding relates.

The Department is aware of an instance where a 2015 ACAR applicant was advised that, as their application for additional residential care places was unsuccessful, they were not eligible for a capital grant. The letter omitted to advise the applicant that they were also ineligible to apply for a capital grant, as they held ESS on some of the places for which the application related.

This applicant reapplied for the same service, in the 2016/17 ACAR, for a capital grant only.

The Department is currently working with the applicant to discuss the situation and their future options.