

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Aged Care Worker training

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

Has the Government undertaken any work on improving the training of care workers to deliver a higher standard of care for those in residential care?

Answer:

The training of care workers is the responsibility of aged care providers. However, the Government announced in the 2017-18 Budget funding to establish an industry-led taskforce (taskforce) to develop an aged care workforce strategy. It is expected that the taskforce will consider training needs for the sector to ensure the aged care workforce meets the needs of care recipients.