

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**OUTCOME:** 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

**Topic:** ACFI - Wollongong Report

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

Does the Department support the findings and the recommendations of the University of Wollongong report into ACFI? When will the Department respond to the report formally?

**Answer:**

The Department of Health engaged the University of Wollongong to develop options and recommendations to help inform the design of future residential aged care funding models.

The final report 'Alternative Aged Care Assessment, Classification System and Funding Models' was published on the Department's website on 19 April 2017.

No decisions have been made on the reform options and the Government is exploring all options. Any future decisions will follow extensive consultation with the sector. This will also include consultation on the 2016-17 Legislated Review and the comprehensive review of the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI).