

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Single Assessment Framework

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Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

Is the government committed to moving to a single assessment process on or before July 2020? What work have you done on the development of a single assessment process for service eligibility?

Answer:

The need for a single assessment process has been identified by the sector in the Aged Care Roadmap. Their view was that this would provide a more integrated and holistic approach to assessment of a person's care needs (including early intervention models, restorative approaches or longer term care options).

The Legislated Review is looking into the appropriateness of access arrangements to aged care services including assessment, and no decisions have been taken in advance of this review.

This is an important issue. The Department of Health expects to release a discussion paper on an integrated care at home program in the near future, including the assessment process, in order to help shape future reform.

