

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Commonwealth Home Support Program

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

It is understood that Meals on Wheels receive a contribution of only 20% of the total cost of their CHSP services from the Federal Government, compared to most CHSP providers who receive up to 90%. Can you either confirm or provide evidence to the contrary that this is the case?

Answer:

The Department of Health cannot comment on this claim as details of the total cost of services are a matter for providers.

The Government provides a subsidy to Meals on Wheels and other CHSP meals organisations towards the cost of meal preparation. The CHSP has a Client Contribution Framework requiring all clients who can afford to contribute to the cost of their service(s), including meals, to do so.