

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 Programme

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

How much current and growth funding has been provided to Meals on Wheels' nationally, and does the Government know how many services this provides? 3. Will any of the CHSP \$240.4M growth funding included in the 2017-18 Budget be allocated to address the concerns of Meals on Wheels?

Answer:

Current Commonwealth Health Support Programme (CHSP) funding profile for meals providers

In 2017-18, the Australian Government will provide a total of \$65.1 million to 563 CHSP meals providers, including \$21.8 million to Meals on Wheels.

2016 Growth Funding Round

The Australian Government provided an extra \$115 million through the 2016 CHSP Growth Funding Round to assist more older Australians to continue to live independently at home and in their communities.

The 2016 Growth Funding Round allocated a total of \$1,269,132 to CHSP meals providers.

2017-18 Budget

In the 2017-18 Budget, the Government announced the extension of the CHSP for a further two years until June 2020, committing \$5.5 billion over two years for service delivery and assessments. This includes funding for Meals on Wheels services.