

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:

Does the Government plan to integrate HCP and CHSP, and if so, can you provide details about how and when this will occur?

Answer:

While future care at home reform may involve changes to the existing home care and home support arrangements, no decisions have been made about specific program structures, funding models or implementation arrangements.

The Department of Health wants to hear further from the sector on what stakeholders believe is the best way forward for reform. The Department expects to release a discussion paper on an integrated care at home program in the near future.

The Australian Government will consider this feedback before making decisions on future reform.