

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Human Services Portfolio**

**Topic:** Audits – Medicare services and benefits – aged care

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**Senator:** Fierravanti-Wells

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#### **Question:**

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: ..... In relation to the audits, I noticed audits of Medicare services and benefits showed about 69 and then down to 50 in 2011-12. Could you on notice give me a profile of the audits and reviews that relate specifically to aged care.

Ms Campbell: Yes.

#### **Answer:**

In 2010-11, Community Care Facilities for aged care were selected for audit randomly. The areas of focus for the audits were entry and exit dates into the service to ensure the accuracy of payments. The Department of Health and Ageing retains responsibility for compliance with the eligibility and quality of the service.

In 2011-12, Residential Care Facilities were selected based on risk criteria. The risks were identified as a result of a previous random audit and environmental scanning activities, and included:

- accuracy of admission dates;
- accuracy of discharge dates; and
- accuracy hospital leave dates.

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