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Question:

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Under 'improving the age care funding instrument' there are a number of figures. It goes from 254 to 3,807 and then back down to 627,552 and 557. Can you explain that for me?

Ms Golightly: There are two things with that. My colleague Ms Wilson might be able to add to this in a minute. The funding on page 21 is made up of two components, those bits of the IT development which are not capital and any work that we have to do in the business areas to implement these measures. The bigger figure in 2013 reflects the large IT development that we have to do this year and getting business ready. This is the big year of implementation, whereas the other years are more going to be maintaining the systems.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: I do not quite understand that, because the age care funding ACFI changes that have been implemented are a reduction. I do not understand the major IT changes that are necessary to effect a reduction in the amount that providers receive.

Ms Golightly: As I understand it, it is a change in the way that it is calculated and that method of calculation is embedded in our IT systems.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: So you have to change the programs and all that sort of stuff. That is the reason for that figure.

Ms Golightly: Yes.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: If you have more detail in relation to that, please take that on notice.

Ms Golightly: Certainly.

Answer:

There is no further detail in relation to the figures than that advised by Ms Golightly at the Senate Supplementary Estimates Hearing on 18 October 2012.