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Human Services Portfolio

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Senator: Fierravanti-Wells

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Question:

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: In relation to ageing matters, I want to now go to your annual report. On page 207 you make reference to various achievements. Could you expand a little bit more on what work that you did by way of assisting DoHA to develop its response to the Productivity Commission report, *Caring for older Australians*.

Ms Golightly: Certainly. In general, the work that we do with DoHA is if they require certain data that may be in our systems. Sometimes it goes to advice about service delivery matters. I can take on notice specifics.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Could you take that on notice. Obviously, I do not want the advice, but you could assist me by telling me the nature of that work.

Answer:

The assistance provided by the Department of Human Services involved representation at senior levels at interagency meetings and working groups, chaired by the Department of Health and Ageing, to provide advice on service delivery issues, particularly in relation to the Department's role in delivering aged care services and aged care IT systems.