

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Productivity Commission report, *Caring for older Australians*—
recommendation regarding an entitlement system

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Senator: Fierravanti-Wells

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Question:

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Thank you. One of the Productivity Commission recommendations was to move to an entitlement system for age care services. Did the work that you have done for the Department of Health and Ageing include any assistance for a possible rollout of an entitlement system?

Ms Golightly: That dot point refers to assisting DoHA in developing the Government's response. That assistance would not have gone to whether there should be an entitlement system or not but would have gone to data and fact checking and perhaps some service delivery advice. But I will take that on notice.

Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Thank you. I do not want to know the advice but just the particular areas that you have reflected upon in relation to that issue.

Ms Golightly: Certainly.

Answer:

No information or advice was provided to the Department of Health and Ageing on the entitlement system for age care services.