

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 3 - Ageing

**Question No:** 422

**Topic:** Dementia Severe Behaviour Supplement Cessation

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Polley** asked:

When did you first realise that the Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement wasn't being utilised the way it was intended (i.e. that it was being oversubscribed)?

**Answer:**

Reliable data on the first 3 months of claims for the Supplement became available in early 2014. Minister Fifield was advised of the initial oversubscription in a Minute to the Minister in February 2014. Following this, the Department undertook further data analysis of the claims.