

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

Outcome Number: 3 - Ageing

Question No: 424

Topic: Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement Consultation

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Senator Polley asked:

- a. Could you please outline what consultation occurred with peak bodies and the sector on the decision to cease the Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement?
- b. A Departmental Minute of 4 February states that “the Department will write to peak aged care organisations informing them of the review”. Did this occur?
- c. If not, why is this the case and did you write to anyone else?
- d. If you didn’t write to peak aged care bodies, did you speak with them?

Answer:

- a. The Department consulted with the Aged Care Sector Committee on 13 June 2014 about the higher than expected uptake of the Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement, and possible responses.

In response to questions b, c and d please refer to the answer to Supplementary Estimates question number 428.