

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

Outcome Number: 3- Ageing

Question No: 426

Topic: Dementia and Severe Behaviour Supplement

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Senator Polley asked:

- a. When was the Aged Care Sector Committee first consulted on oversubscription to the Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement?
- b. When were they first consulted on the decision to cease the supplement?
- c. For any meetings that did occur - can you supply Minutes from these meetings as well as any meeting records produced by the Department following such meetings?

Answer:

a. b. c. The Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement oversubscription was raised as an agenda item at the Aged Care Sector Committee meeting on 13 June 2014. The Committee discussed the higher than expected uptake of the Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement, and possible responses. An extract from the meeting for the relevant item is below.

Meeting #: 2

Date: Friday, 13 June 2014

Time: 10.00am – 4.30pm

Location: Department of Social Services, Victorian State office, 2 Casselden Place, Melbourne.

Item	Outcome	Notes	Actions
12. Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement (DSBS)	Members discussed the higher than expected take-up of the DSBS and possible Government responses	Members noted that the take up of the DSBS has significantly exceeded expectations with projected expenditure of \$110M, a ten-fold increase from the original budgeted amount	12.1 The Department to hold a meeting of the previous dementia supplement working group to discuss the issues.