

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

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Question No: 433

Topic: Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement Implementation

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Polley asked:

During the early implementation of the Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement the Department tasked with oversight of the DSBS was undergoing major changes as it transitioned into the Department of Social Services.

- a. Did the same staff with responsibility for oversight come across to DSS?
- b. What staff were lost during this machinery of government process?
- c. Can you outline the numbers and their APS level?

Answer:

Question a. and b. are answered in the paragraph below:

a & b All staff working on the DSBS at the time of the Machinery of Government changes were transferred to the Department of Social Services from the former Department of Health and Ageing.

c. As a range of staff worked on the Supplement, amongst other issues, during its development and implementation it is not possible to qualify numbers or their APS levels.