

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

Outcome Number: 3- Ageing

Question No: 435

Topic: Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement Implementation

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Senator Polley asked:

Concerning the movement of staff which occurred as a result of machinery of government changes and how this affected implementation of the Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement.

- a. what measures, if any, were put in place to ensure that there was adequate communication with the aged care sector?
- b. What measures, if any, were put in place to ensure that training of staff and monitoring of the supplement were not compromised?

Answer:

The Machinery of Government (MoG) changes did not impact on the implementation of the Dementia and Severe Behaviours Supplement as the Ageing and Aged Care Division moved as a whole to the newly formed Department of Social Services.

- a. The MoG had no impact on communications with the aged care sector.
- b. As there were no changes to the area responsible for the Supplement no additional training or monitoring of the supplement were required as a result of MoG.