

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 459

Topic: Quality Agency

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Senator Polley asked:

- (a) Please provide details on the process and progress of appointing the Quality Agency Advisory Council.
- (b) Where will members of the committee be drawn from?
- (c) Can you explain why the Quality Agency's website said there is already a Council?

Answer:

- (a) The Advisory Council will be established by Section 29 of the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency Act 2013 (Quality Agency Act). Section 32 of the Quality Agency Act sets out the process for the appointment of the Aged Care Quality Advisory Council members. Appointment of Advisory Council members is being managed in accordance with the Government's appointment processes.
- (b) In making appointments to the Advisory Council, consideration is being given to the ability of candidates to reflect the changing nature of the aged care sector. Subsection 32(4) of the Quality Agency Act sets out the experience required by candidates for appointment to the Advisory Council.
- (c) The wording was an administrative error but was intended to reflect the arrangements under Part 4 of the *Australian Aged Care Quality Agency Act 2013*. This error has been corrected.