Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 3 - Ageing

Question No: 469

Topic: Significant Refurbishment Supplement

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Senator Polley asked:

In terms of the Significant Refurbishment Supplement:

- a. How many providers have been approved to receive Higher Accommodation Payments due to Significant Refurbishment?
- b. What is the budgeted amount for the supplement?
- c. How is the supplement funding tracking in terms of the Budgeted amount?
- d. What is the current funding on new facilities under the measure?

Answer:

- a. As at 30 September 2014, 133 significant refurbishment applications had been approved to receive the Higher Accommodation Supplement.
- b. The higher accommodation supplement is forecast to cost \$589.1 million over the forward estimates.
- c. Based on the number of significant refurbishment applications received, and newly built services determined to be eligible for the supplement to date, estimated expenditure is tracking in line with modelled budget projections.
- d. As at 30 September 2014, there were 74 newly built services identified as eligible to receive the Higher Accommodation Supplement. Estimated expenditure is tracking in line with modelled budget projections.