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Senator Moore asked:

The Young People In Nursing Homes group (YPINH) is a declared priority under the National Disability Agreement. Yet despite the Commonwealth's continued contribution of its YPIRAC funding through the National Disability Agreement, some YPIRAC participants are finding that the equipment that was funded under YPIRAC is no longer being replaced or repaired by State/Territory schemes now that YPIRAC has "finished".

- a. How has the prioritisation of the YPINH group been followed through and achieved under the National Disability Agreement? What data is available to show this?
- b. What mechanisms are in the National Disability Agreement to ensure continuity of YPIRAC services that have been agreed to by the states?

Answer:

The prioritisation of younger people in, or at risk of entry into, residential aged care in the National Disability Agreement, has led to Commonwealth, State and Territory officials agreeing to update the National Guiding Principles for the Referral and Assessment of Younger People with Disability between state and territory disability services and Aged Care Assessment Teams. Data associated with the YPIRAC cohort is available in the annual Report on Government Services published by the Productivity Commission. The National Disability Agreement includes a performance indicator (f) proportion of younger people entering, living in, and exiting, permanent residential aged care.

The National Disability Agreement includes jurisdictions' agreement to the following priority 'within the extent that it is achievable within the available resources...maintain innovative and flexible support models for people with high and complex needs - this may include options for younger people in, or at risk of entry into, residential aged care.'