

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Ministers

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Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

- a) Provide an outline of the Ministerial responsibilities for Minister Ley, Nash and Wyatt, including the outcomes, programs and legislative areas each Minister will have responsibility or oversight of. Mr Bowles indicated that Mr Wyatt would have responsibility for aged care, predominantly. Please confirm if this is the case.
- b) Specifically, for what areas of Aged Care will Mr Wyatt be responsible? Will he have operational responsibility? If it is shared by various Minister, please outline who has carriage of each area.
- c) Which Minister will be responsible for Ageing?

Answer:

- a) Minister Ley is responsible for the Health, Aged Care and Sport portfolios.
Minister Nash holds the portfolio of Rural Health, and is responsible for rural and Indigenous health, drug and alcohol policy and organ donation.
The Assistant Minister for Health will assist Minister Ley with a particular focus on Aged Care.
- b) The Assistant Minister for Health, the Hon Ken Wyatt MP, is responsible for Aged Care service delivery and implementation, as well as for Dementia.
- c) Minister Ley is the Minister responsible for Aged Care which incorporates Healthy ageing, the wellbeing of people as they age and the importance of older people having choice and control of their lives. There are a whole range of issues around ageing which also involve a number of other Commonwealth portfolios.

Further information as to the Ministerial responsibilities for Ministers Ley, Nash and Wyatt is contained in the response to Question on Notice SQ15-000799.