

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 11 – Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Remote and Rural (Aged Care)

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

- a) What analysis has been done to quantify the additional cost of providing services to clients in remote and rural areas?
- b) When was this modelling / analysis undertaken? Has it been released? If not, please table this with the Committee.

Answer:

- a) No specific analysis has been undertaken to date to quantify the additional cost of providing services to clients in remote and rural areas.

At the request of the former Minister, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, the Aged Care Financing Authority (ACFA) is currently analysing issues affecting the financial performance of rural and remote aged care providers for both residential and home care. ACFA's report is due to the Minister December 2015.

- b) Not applicable.