

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 21 October 2015**

**Ref No:** SQ15-000874

**OUTCOME:** 11 – Ageing and Aged Care

**Topic:** Dementia and Cognitive Care Supplement

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

- a) Please provide an outline the Dementia and Cognitive Supplement usage, month by month.
- b) What home care package levels can the supplement be applied?
- c) What happens to unspent funds?

**Answer:**

- a) In the 2014-15 financial year the national expenditure on home care claims for the Dementia and Cognition Supplement was approximately \$20.6 million. The below table indicates the 2014-15 financial year home care claim expenditure by entitlement month.

<b>Financial Year 2014-15</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
July	\$ 1,845,550
August	\$ 1,824,612
September	\$ 1,743,655
October	\$ 1,788,741
November	\$ 1,729,894
December	\$ 1,724,912
January	\$ 1,684,979
February	\$ 1,565,709
March	\$ 1,737,213
April	\$ 1,650,505
May	\$ 1,699,754
June	\$ 1,606,999
<b>Total Financial Year</b>	<b>\$ 20,602,525</b>

- b) All home care package levels can access the supplement.

- c) Any unspent funds, must be rolled over from month to month and year to year for as long as the consumer remains in the package.

A consumer's monthly statement (this includes the Government subsidy and any eligible supplements) should clearly show how the budget is being spent under the package and the balance of funds. These statements will be in plain English and will be set out in a simple and easy to understand format.