

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 11 – Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Dementia

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

Has the funding for dementia in the Living Longer Living Better reforms has been returned to Health? Including:

- \$23.6m for Younger Onset Dementia Keyworkers
- \$39.2m for acute care
- \$16m for timely diagnosis

Please provide an update on where these programs are at, including whether funding has been extended (to what date) or when it ends (what date).

Answer:

Funding for the acute care and timely diagnosis priorities is included in the new Dementia and Aged Care Services (DACS) Fund. Funding for the Younger Onset Dementia Key Worker programme has transferred to Outcome 5 - Disability and Carers in the Social Services portfolio.

Through the DACS Fund the Government will continue to fund dementia activities and programmes that assist people with dementia across the health sectors.

The Department is working with Alzheimer's Australia, the national YODKWP provider, and the National Disability Insurance Agency to ensure a smooth transition.