

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 19 October 2016**

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**OUTCOME:** 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

**Topic:** ACFI

**Type of Question:** Hansard Page 122, 19 October 2016

**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

Dr Hartland: For the people who attended the ACFI expenditure working group, if you are happy for me to read them into Hansard, I am happy to do that now.

Senator POLLEY: That would be great, because—

Senator SIEWERT: If you have a list, you could table it.

Senator POLLEY: If you could table the list, that would save us some time.

Dr Hartland: We can certainly table the list of people who are both on the sector committee and attended those meetings.

**Answer:**

The Department has held discussions with key stakeholders (through the Aged Care Sector Committee (ACSC) and ACFI Expenditure Working Group) on the Aged Care Funding Instrument changes. This has involved discussion on key parameters and assumptions underlying the modelling and alternative options for changes to ACFI that could be considered by the Committee (while still delivering the Government's desired budgetary savings).

Stakeholder consultation meetings were held on 17 August 2016, 2 September 2016 and 16 September 2016. Members in attendance at all or some of the meetings are listed at Attachment A.

**Members in attendance at ACFI 2016-17 Budget Consultation Meetings held on 17 August 2016, 2 September 2016 and 16 September 2016**

| <b>ACFI Expenditure Working Group members</b>                                 | <b>Aged Care Sector Committee members</b>  | <b>Guests</b>  |
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| Fiona Buffington – Chair  | Louis Dudley, BUPA Aged Care   | Penny Farnsworth and Chris Grover, on behalf of Michael Cowling, UnitingAgedCare |
| Nick Mersiades, Catholic Health Australia                                     | Lee Thomas, Federal Secretary, Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation                               | Ellen Skladzien, on behalf of Maree McCabe, Alzheimer's Australia                |
| Ian Yates, COTA Australia   | Sue Elderton, attending as proxy for Ara Cresswell, Carers Australia                                     |  |
| Gary Barnier, Opal Aged Care  | Judy Gregurke, National Aged Care Alliance   |  |
| Netty Horton, the Salvation Army Australia                                    | Netty Horton, the Salvation Army Australia   |  |
| Lee Thomas, Federal Secretary, Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation    | Nick Mersiades, Catholic Health Australia  |  |
| Maureen Berry, BUPA Aged Care   | Gary Barnier, Opal Aged Care   |  |
| Nick Hartland, Aged Care Policy and Regulation Division, Department of Health | Cameron O'Reilly, Aged Care Guild Inc  |  |
| Nigel Murray, Funding Policy and Legislation Branch, Department of Health     | Sean Rooney, Leading Age Services Australia  |  |
|   | Darren Matthewson, Illana Halliday, on behalf of Patricia Sparrow, Aged and Community Services Australia |  |
|   | Lynda O'Grady, Aged Care Financing Authority   |  |
|   | Ian Yates, COTA Australia  |  |
|   | Andrea Coote, Aged Care Quality Advisory Council   |  |

**Note: Some members were unable to attend the three meetings and had proxy members attend on their behalf.**