Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SOCIAL SERVICES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (WELFARE REFORM) BILL 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

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Question: I'll just put this on notice: can you provide the committee with—I presume you don't name people; I don't think that's appropriate—the trial sites that do have the expertise already contracted.

Answer:

Medical professionals with expertise in drug and alcohol addiction will undertake an assessment of recipients who have two positive drug test results.

The Department is investigating whether it may be possible to source relevant medical professionals with expertise in drug and alcohol addiction from within existing departmental resources. If this is not possible the Department will look to procure an external provider with relevant expertise.