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Topic: Eligibility criteria on aged care

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Senator Siewert asked:

It relates back to the issue we were talking about with you, Dr Hartland about what other organisations or service providers put their eligibility criteria around what income support you are on.

Answer:

The Commonwealth Government does not require the eligibility for DSP to be used as eligibility for a service response. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is unaware of any organisations funded directly by the Department or by state and territory governments, that provide disability services requiring eligibility for income support.