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Dear Mr Murphy

Thank you for your letter of 18 March 2013, about a petition recently submitted for the consideration of the Standing Committee on Petitions regarding increases to the rate of Age Pension and health and age care issues for pensioners.

The Department of Human Services delivers payments and services on behalf of a range of government departments and agencies. The policy and legislation for the rate of Age Pension falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Jenny Macklin MP. The policy relating to health care falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Health, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP. The policy related to aged care falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, the Hon Mark Butler MP.

I have, therefore, referred your correspondence to the offices of Ministers Macklin, Plibersek and Butler for consideration.

Once again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely

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15 APR 2013