

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Supported Accommodation – Additional 150 Places (to be delivered through a competitive funding round)

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

How exactly will the Commonwealth assess need in geographical areas? I am interested because back in October, Dr Hartland told us:

Dr Hartland – The states are responsible for planning for disability services within their jurisdictions, so they have robust mechanisms to know where the need is. The Commonwealth does not have a source of data which would allow us to make judgement as to whether Ipswich or Townsville were more deserving of additional accommodation.

So how will the Commonwealth be making judgements about who receives funding through this latest package?

Answer:

Selection criteria are currently under development. Applicants will need to demonstrate that their proposal addresses a specific and identifiable need. This will include evidence that alternative appropriate accommodation is not currently available to applicants.