## Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO 2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

## **Outcome Number:** 8

**Question No: 25** 

**Topic:** Aged/Ageing - Ministerial collaboration

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## Senator Polley asked:

How much input will the Minister for Social Services or his Assistant Minister have in the development of policies and funding allocation for vocational education and training in aged care?

## Answer:

The Government is committed to working with the aged care sector to develop policies which will ensure that available funding is distributed in a way that is flexible, targeted and makes working in the social services sector attractive. This will consider the future needs of the aged care and disability workforces in tandem to make the most of available resources.

Consultation will occur across relevant portfolios including Social Services and Industry, at both Ministerial and departmental levels as required.