

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Ministerial collaboration

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Senator Polley asked:

Please outline the structures that are in place or to be implemented to ensure linkages between the Minister for Health and the Minister for Social Services or his Assistant Minister for Social Services? Particularly in relation to issues which cross portfolios, such as dementia care and research, and palliative care?

Answer:

There is regular collaboration on issues of mutual interest between staff in the Departments of Social Services and Health. In addition, the Secretaries of the two Departments will meet shortly to agree on ongoing governance arrangements for collaboration on areas of mutual interest.

The Assistant Minister for Social Services and the Minister for Health have agreed to work closely in all matters relating to dementia.