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

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Topic: Ministerial collaboration

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Senator Polley asked:

Please outline the structure in place or to be implemented to ensure linkages between the Minister responsible for vocational education and training and the Minister for Social Services or his Assistant Minister?

Answer:

The Minister for Industry has overall policy responsibility for Vocational Education and Training quality and standards. The Minister and Assistant Minister for Social Services have primary responsibility for aged care workforce policy.

The Government has committed to working with the industry to achieve a strong aged care workforce. This will include consultation across portfolios at both Ministerial and departmental levels as required.