

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

**Outcome Number:** 8

**Question No:** 515

**Topic:** Healthy Life, Better Ageing Agreement

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Xenophon** asked:

1) What has happened to the Healthy Life, Better Ageing Agreement the Coalition promised at the last election that it would enter into with the aged care sector including industry and other stakeholders and, in particular, what meetings has the Government/Department held to effect this agreement?

a. Please provide details of organisations and participants and the dates of these meetings.

2) Have any advisory boards or related bodies been appointed to advance the agreement referred to? If so, please provide details.

3) Further to Q2, what bodies, including any committees, have been established since September 2013 to advise the Government on Aged Care issues?

a. Please advise of the make-up of these entities and of any ethnic/multicultural representation.

**Answer:**

The Government has committed to develop the Aged Care Sector Statement of Principles (previously referred to as the Healthy Living Better Ageing Agreement), and has established the Aged Care Sector Committee to guide development and implementation of the Statement of Principles. This Committee has not yet met. Membership of the Committee can be found in Minister Fifield's media release of 5 March 2014, located at: <http://mitchfield.dss.gov.au/media-releases/66>.

No other new advisory bodies have been established since 2013 to advise the Government on aged care.