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Question No: 527

Topic: Pricing Assessor Manual

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Senator Polley asked:

Outline the measures and processes the Department and/or the Aged Care Pricing Commission have used to ensure the Accommodation Pricing Assessor Manual and the Application forms reduce red tape for aged care providers?

Answer:

The Aged Care Pricing Commissioner has sought to ensure that information required from aged care providers is readily available, and that information is only sought where it is of relevance to an assessment.

Public consultation on the draft Application Form and Application Guide for accommodation prices above the maximum amount determined by the Minister was undertaken in December 2013/January 2014, and comments received on the draft Form and Guide were considered and a number adopted before these documents were finalised.

The Assessor Manual is published on the Commissioner's website to provide transparency in respect of the assessment process.

Every effort has been undertaken in drafting these documents to ensure that they are clear and unambiguous.