

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

Outcome Number: AAC - Ageing and Aged Care

Question No: 533

Topic: Pricing Assessor Manual

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Senator Polley asked:

Where the further information specified is not provided within 28 days the application is taken to be withdrawn. Please explain the implication of this for providers. Does this mean that if the Application was not refused it can be resubmitted within the four month timeframe?

Answer:

Section 52G-4 of the *Aged Care Act 1997* provides that if the Aged Care Pricing Commissioner needs further information to determine the application, the Commissioner may give to the applicant a notice requiring the applicant to give further information:

- (a) within 28 days after the notice is given; or
- (b) within such other period as is specified in the notice. The application is taken to be withdrawn if the information is not given in whichever of those periods applies.

If the application is withdrawn, there is not restriction on the resubmission of an application. An aged care provider may make another application immediately for the same accommodation group.