

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

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Topic: Medicare

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Senator Polley asked:

Has DHS provided an indication of when the Medicare issues will be fixed? If so, when? Are there formal arrangements to ensure DHS reports to you when there are issues?

Answer:

Department of Human Services (DHS) has not yet confirmed a date for when the current issues will be resolved. The Department is working closely with DHS with respect to the issues through a variety of mechanisms including:

- Daily officer to officer discussions and meetings to track progress and to provide support and clarification of legislative arrangements as required;
- Senior Executive meetings fortnightly; and
- Senior oversight provided through formal meetings between Deputy Secretaries from the Department and DHS on a fortnightly basis.