

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

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**Question No:** 558

**Topic:** Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI)

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**Senator Polley** asked:

Please outline the role of the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI). Does it have any prudential role or is it simply to monitor bonds?

**Answer:**

The Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) is a resource allocation tool used by the Australian Government to allocate funding for residents in residential aged care services, based on their individual care needs. It focuses on the main areas that discriminate care needs among residents and assesses core care needs as a basis for allocating funding. It considers into the following three domains: Activities of Daily Living (ADL), Behaviour (BEH ) and Complex Health Care (CHC). The level of funding provided depends on the assessed level of care need in each of the three domains.

The aged care provider undertakes the appraisal of the resident's care needs using an ACFI Answer Appraisal Pack. An ACFI User Guide is available to assist providers to undertake appraisals.

The ACFI has no prudential role and is not used to monitor bonds.