Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 8 Question No: 567

Topic: Workforce Supplement

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Senator Polley asked:

What is the period of time providers will receive the Workforce Supplement? Is this guaranteed for the period they signed up for? If not, what will be done to compensate them?

Answer:

On 12 December 2013, the House of Representatives disallowed all legislation that provided the legal basis for the Aged Care Workforce Supplement (the Supplement). Transitional arrangements have been put in place for services operated by eligible providers to receive the Supplement until 30 June 2014.

Decisions on repurposing of the Supplement funding, including arrangements after 30 June 2014 for those eligible providers, are a matter for the Government.