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

2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Aged Care Workforce Supplement

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Senator McLucas asked:

Was there any split of opting in and maintaining engagement with the supplement for regional and remote areas? Was there any obvious desire to be engaged by people who are in remote and regional areas, given they are the ones who are facing the largest challenge?

Answer:

Prior to the Aged Care Workforce Supplement (the Supplement) legislation being disallowed, approximately 35 per cent of aged care services eligible to receive the Supplement were in regional, rural and remote areas (Australian Standard Geographical Classification – Remoteness Area (ASGC-RA)).

Of those services continuing to receive the Transitional Workforce Supplement, approximately 34 per cent of the services are in regional, rural and remote areas.