

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 1 March 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

**Topic:** MYEFO 2016-17

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

When will the \$2.4 million pilot to test alternative funding models for residential aged care funding, announced in 2016-17 MYEFO commence? Please provide details of the pilot, including time frames, who will operate the pilot, who will be included in the pilot and what the outcomes of the pilot will be.

**Answer:**

The Department of Health engaged the University of Wollongong to consider current aged care funding arrangements and provide expert technical advice on options for future funding models for residential aged care (released on the Department of Health's website on 19 April 2017).

The University's report recommended that a resource utilisation and classification study should be undertaken to inform any future funding reform option. The Department of Health is currently in the process of engaging an external party to undertake this study.

The results of this study and extensive consultation with the sector will inform any decisions on future reform options, including on the piloting of alternative models.