

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Home Care

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Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

The Department stated that they would commence consulting on the design and implementation of stage two of the Increasing Choice reforms, namely the integration of CHSP and Home Care Packages into one care at home program, from early 2016. Can you detail what consultation has occurred, including dates and attendees of any consultations and meetings and any associated documentation?

Answer:

The Department of Health has undertaken preliminary consultation with the Aged Care Sector Committee and a range of peak groups representing consumer, carers and service providers. State and territory governments have also been consulted.

Consultation activities to date have included:

- 5 October 2016 – workshop with Aged and Community Care Officials (representatives of state and territory governments and other Commonwealth agencies).
- 14 October 2016 – workshop with sector representatives and peak groups.
- 22 November 2016 – workshop with representatives from the Commonwealth Home Support Programme community transport sector.
- 23 September and 2 December 2016 – Aged Care Sector Committee meetings.
- 13 February 2017 – meeting with representatives from Meals on Wheels Australia.

Further consultation with stakeholders will occur over the coming months.