

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

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

Is the Government still committed to the July 2018 commencement date for stage two of the Increasing Choice reforms?

Answer:

The Australian Government has announced its intention to move to a more integrated care at home system, with a number of key policy objectives:

- to increase choice and control for consumers;
- to make the system easier to navigate;
- to ensure that the system is sustainable into the future, with a more equitable and effective allocation of resources; and
- to simplify funding arrangements and reduce red tape.

The Australian Government remains committed to commencing reforms that align with these objectives from July 2018.