

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11- 437

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: DRAFT ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

The Department recently concluded a round of stakeholder consultations on the draft new Accreditation Standards for residential aged care.

- a) When is it proposed that the new standards will apply?
- b) What operational considerations for the aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency and providers will be taken into account in setting the implementation date?

Answer:

a) and b)

The Department of Health and Ageing is consulting with the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency on the best approach to ensure the least disruption during implementation and will consult further with industry. This will also take into account factors such as the findings from a pilot of the draft Standards, the accreditation cycles and the Government response to the Productivity Commission report.