

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Autism and Early Intervention

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Senator Xenophon asked:

What mechanisms are in place to ensure that families eligible for funding under the Helping Children with Autism package are using those funds effectively.

Answer:

Funds may only be spent on eligible therapies delivered by organisations on the Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) Service Provider Panel.

The list of eligible therapies is backed by evidence and was reviewed in 2011-12 by the Australasian Autism Research Collaboration (AARC) Prior, M., Roberts, J. M.A., Rodger, S., Williams, K. & Sutherland, R. (2011).

An Executive Summary is available at www.fahcsia.gov.au.