Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio

2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Aged Care - Home Support

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Senator Polley asked:

Please details telehealth initiatives included in home support packages around the country.

Answer:

The Commonwealth HACC Program does not prescribe service delivery models but encourages service providers to provide flexible service delivery and local responsiveness to meet the needs of individuals.

Where safe, effective and clinically appropriate, Commonwealth HACC Program providers are able to use innovative and digital delivery options to provide services to consumers. This could include the use of telehealth, video conferencing and digital technology, such as remote monitoring and other assistive technology.