

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 425

Topic: Residential and Flexible Care - Aged care Payroll Tax Supplement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Polley asked:

What data has the Department collected regarding providers receiving the viability supplement who will also lose the payroll tax supplement?

- Please provide the DSS guidelines in relation to Competitive Neutrality, particularly in relation to For Profit and Not For Profit sectors?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services collects a range of data in relation to aged care providers for a number of purposes and through a number of processes. This includes access to aged care claiming data collected by the Department of Human Services and General Purpose Financial Reporting (GPFR) data collected on behalf of the Department of Social Services. These sources included information about supplements claimed by providers.

The Australian, and all State and Territory Governments, agreed to implement competitive neutrality policies as part of the National Competition Policy reform package (1995–2005). The Department of Social Services adheres to the Commonwealth government policy as detailed in the *Competitive Neutrality Policy Statement* (Treasury, June 1996) and the *Australian Government Competitive Neutrality Guidelines for Managers* (Department of Finance, February 2004).