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Topic: Residential and Flexible Care - Pension indexation changes

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Senator Polley asked:

On 5 June 2014 in Senate Estimates (p90 of Hansard) Mr Pratt outlined that discussions would have occurred at a high level, in relation to the impact of pension indexation changes to aged care providers. Please confirm if the department was consulted? If so, at what level (was it with the Secretary of DSS?)

Answer:

The Department of Social Services led the development of policy to change indexation arrangements for pensions.

Within the Department, a high level team developed advice to Government on this and other measures. As Deputy Secretary of the Ageing and Aged Care Stream, Ms Smith was a member of that team.