

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 3.1 Disability, Mental Health and Carers Question No: SQ17-000471

Topic: Carers

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

What will be the process to take this work forward?

- a) What is the expected implementation timeframe?
- b) Is there any budgetary allocation provided in the 2017-18 Budget and in the Forward Estimates for the implementation of the Plan? If yes, Please provide those figures? If not, why not?

Answer:

Work to finalise the delivery model for the proposed new integrated carer support service system continues with detailed design being undertaken in consultation with a number of organisations including key subject matter experts, carers and service providers.

- a) This will be a decision for Government.
- b) The proposed new integrated carer support service system did not form part of the Government's 2017-18 Budget. As the proposed new integrated carer support service system represents significant reform, more work is necessary to ensure thorough consideration of all elements to deliver a sustainable and effective future carer support system.