

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 8

**Question No:** 420

**Topic:** Aged care workforce fund

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Polley** asked:

As per page 67 of Thursday's transcript, please indicate how many workers the applications for the Workforce Supplement cover. Exactly how much funding has been committed under that process? Please outline the length of time these applications cover.

**Answer:**

The Department does not require aged care providers to report on their employee numbers. The number of workers covered is therefore not available to the Department.

On 12 December 2013, the House of Representatives disallowed all legislation that provided the legal basis for the Aged Care Workforce Supplement (the Supplement). Transitional arrangements for eligible approved providers already receiving the Supplement have been put in place.

As at 12 December 2013, \$5.3 million was committed for the period ending 30 June 2014. Arrangements beyond 30 June 2014 for organisations currently receiving the Supplement will be determined by the Government.