

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 19 October 2016**

**Ref No:** SQ16-000450

**OUTCOME:** 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

**Topic:** Aged Care Sector Committee

**Type of Question:** Hansard Page 122, 19 October 2016

**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

Senator POLLEY: It does not matter which government; these are serious issues. It would not matter who was in government. As it was in 2012, those decisions had to be made. What we have found this time is that we have not been able to see the modelling on which you have based your assessment. Can I ask: who were the sector representatives that you have consulted with—before and now?

**Answer:**

The Department has held discussions with key stakeholders (through the Aged Care Sector Committee (ACSC) and ACFI Expenditure Working Group) on the Aged Care Funding Instrument changes. This has involved discussion on key parameters and assumptions underlying the modelling and alternative options for changes to ACFI that could be considered by the Committee (while still delivering the Government's desired budgetary savings).

Stakeholder consultation meetings were held on 17 August 2016, 2 September 2016 and 16 September 2016. Members in attendance at all or some of the meetings are listed at Attachment A.

**Attachment A**

**Members in attendance at ACFI 2016-17 Budget Consultation Meetings held on 17 August 2016, 2 September 2016 and 16 September 2016**

<b>ACFI Expenditure Working Group members</b>	<b>Aged Care Sector Committee members</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Fiona Buffington – Chair	Louis Dudley, BUPA Aged Care	Penny Farnsworth and Chris Grover, on behalf of Michael Cowling, UnitingAgedCare
Nick Mersiades, Catholic Health Australia	Lee Thomas, Federal Secretary, Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation	Ellen Skladzien, on behalf of Maree McCabe, Alzheimer’s Australia
Ian Yates, COTA Australia	Sue Elderton, attending as proxy for Ara Cresswell, Carers Australia	
Gary Barnier, Opal Aged Care	Judy Gregurke, National Aged Care Alliance	
Netty Horton, the Salvation Army Australia	Netty Horton, the Salvation Army Australia	
Lee Thomas, Federal Secretary, Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation	Nick Mersiades, Catholic Health Australia	
Maureen Berry, BUPA Aged Care	Gary Barnier, Opal Aged Care	
Nick Hartland, Aged Care Policy and Regulation Division, Department of Health	Cameron O’Reilly, Aged Care Guild Inc	
Nigel Murray, Funding Policy and Legislation Branch, Department of Health	Sean Rooney, Leading Age Services Australia	
	Darren Matthewson, Illana Halliday, on behalf of Patricia Sparrow, Aged and Community Services Australia	
	Lynda O’Grady, Aged Care Financing Authority	
	Ian Yates, COTA Australia	
	Andrea Coote, Aged Care Quality Advisory Council	

**Note: Some members were unable to attend the three meetings and had proxy members attend on their behalf.**