

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 19 October 2016

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Aged Care Funding Instrument

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

What alternative options for achieving the savings is the Government considering?
a) If alternative options are chosen, will the Government still have a problem with alleged over-claiming, and will it then seek further reductions?

Answer:

The Department has held discussions with key stakeholders (through the Aged Care Sector Committee and Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) Expenditure Working Group) on the ACFI changes. This includes discussion on the broad types of alternative options for changes to ACFI that could be contemplated (while still delivering the Government's desired budgetary savings).

The final decision is a matter for Government.

The Government will continue to monitor ACFI expenditure.