

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 405

**Topic:** Younger Onset Dementia

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Boyce** asked:

What action has been taken by the Government to ensure access to services to 15,000 younger Australians with younger onset dementia since the COAG decision in 2008 to place responsibility for younger onset dementia in disabilities services?

What new services have been funded?

**Answer:**

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is not aware of any specific decision by the Council of Australian Governments to place responsibility for younger onset dementia in disabilities services, and does not administer programs that target younger people experiencing early onset dementia.

Under the National Disability Agreement, the Commonwealth Government has responsibility for the provision of employment services for people with disability, and the provision of income support targeted to the needs of people with disability, their families and carers.

State and territory governments have responsibility for the provision of specialist disability services in a manner which most effectively meets the needs of people with disability, their families and carers, consistent with local needs and priorities.