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Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What work is FaHCSIA undertaking on the planning for the extension of the YPIRAC program beyond 2011? If so what is the nature of this work? Are there timelines for implementation?

Answer:

At the Community and Disability Services Ministers' Conference (CDSMC) of 16 December 2010, Ministers affirmed their continued commitment to delivering appropriate accommodation options for younger people with disability. Ministers also agreed to maintain their efforts beyond the current Younger People in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC) initiative to assist younger people with disability in, or at risk of entering residential aged care.

At the CDSMC of 19 April 2011, Ministers agreed that links with other mainstream service systems, such as health, will be important in supporting younger people in, or at risk of entering residential aged care.

The department is working closely with states and territories and the Young People in Nursing Homes National Alliance to progress the future policy directions for young people in residential aged care.