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Topic: Australian Institute of Population Ageing Research

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Senator SIEWERT asked:

1. The Treasurer announced on 18 September that a leaders' forum would be established for the Australian Institute of Population Ageing Research, to build a cooperative approach in addressing the ageing of the population. Of the 14 members of the forum, how many have experience in or are familiar with the provision of aged care services?
2. If none, is there scope to include aged care industry leaders in this forum?

Answer:

The Australian Institute for Population Ageing Research is an initiative of the University of New South Wales that seeks to bring together research initiatives focused on demographic transition.

The Institute is not a government body and neither the Treasury nor the Treasurer and his office have any involvement in the day-to-day activities of the Institute. This includes no involvement in recommending or appointing members of the Institute's Leaders Forum.

The Secretary to the Treasury, Dr Ken Henry, was invited to join the Leaders Forum and subsequently accepted the invitation.

Questions relating to the membership of the Australian Institute for Population Ageing Research Leaders Forum should be directed to the Institute.