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2017/18 Pre-Budget Submission: Aged care

Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) has developed its 2017/18 Pre-Budget Submission with a focus on ensuring stability and sustainability for the industry.

“ACSA has outlined priority areas for Government action, particularly delivering on current funding commitments,” ACSA CEO Pat Sparrow said.

“The 2016/17 Budget and 2016 Election commitments contained some good policy initiatives ACSA is keen to see implemented and look forward to working with Government on.

“In addition, ASCA is seeking the promised Government support for industry to develop a workforce strategy which is much needed given the increasing service demands and changing models to meet consumer expectations.

“Transitional assistance funding is also required to support providers with significant changes to practices and systems as a result of aged care reform. The economic contribution of the industry is about 1 percent of Australia’s GDP and it employs 2.8 percent of the labour force. As government has supported other industries restructure so too should it support aged care.

“ACSAs submission has also highlighted the importance of maintaining reform momentum. We are committed to working towards a more market-oriented system able to meet consumer expectations in line with both the Government’s agenda and the Aged Care Sector Committee’s Aged Care Roadmap for reform.

“Given the level of agreement on our destination, we are counting on Government to ensure 2017/18 Budget initiatives move the aged care system in the right direction.”

The ACSA 2017/18 Pre-Budget Submission is available here:

<http://www.acsa.asn.au/getattachment/Publications-Submissions/Submissions/ACSA-2017-18-Pre-Budget-Submission.pdf.aspx?lang=en-AU>

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