

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-126

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: SUBACUTE BEDS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

Mr Rudd announced 1316 sub-acute beds under the New Beds Guarantee Partnership in April 2010 (Health Reform Mark I) over four areas - palliative, mental health, rehabilitation and geriatric. How many beds does each state get and what is the breakdown per state?

Answer:

The number of subacute beds or their equivalent that each state or territory is expected to establish over the life of the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services is 1,316. The states and territories have each committed to establishing at least: New South Wales 428, Victoria 326, Queensland 265, Western Australia 135, South Australia 97, Tasmania 30, Australian Capital Territory 21, and Northern Territory 14.

The allocation of beds and equivalent services to particular types of subacute care is a matter for the states and territories to determine, based on the needs of their populations and in consultation with sectors involved in the delivery of subacute care services. State and territory allocation of subacute care beds and services is reflected in Implementation Plans which are subject to Commonwealth approval.