

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2010-2011, 23 February 2011

Question: E11-195

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: SUBACUTE HOSPITAL BEDS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) How many of the 1300 new sub-acute hospital beds announced in April 2010 and included in the Budget 2010 are operational?
- b) What states are they in?
- c) What is the breakdown for palliative, rehabilitative, geriatric and mental health beds?

Answer:

a, b and c)

Information on state and territory performance against targets under the New Subacute Care Beds Guarantee Funding is to be reported to the Commonwealth half yearly. Progress against delivery of the new subacute care beds will be published on the internet on a regular basis. Eight states and territories have submitted implementation plans under the subacute care schedule of the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services. At 9 May 2011, five of the implementation plans have been approved. The remaining three will be finalised during May 2011.