

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-226

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: DEMONSTRATION DAY RESPITE

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) What is the future of 'demonstration sites for day respite in residential aged care facilities'?
- b) What consultations have taken place?

Answer:

a and b)

The Australian Institute for Social Research, University of Adelaide has undertaken an evaluation of demonstration sites for day respite in residential aged care facilities. They conducted extensive consultations and survey activities with the demonstration sites over the two-year evaluation period. Data from surveys, financial and service activity reports were obtained and interviews with staff, facility management and carers were conducted to obtain qualitative information.

A letter was sent to all demonstration day respite providers on 2 February 2011 to inform them that the outcomes of the evaluation report are currently being assessed and will be used to assist a decision by Government on the future of the demonstration sites.