

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWER TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-261

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: PALLIATIVE CARE BEDS

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Senator Boyce asked:

Would you have figures on palliative care bed closures in Australia, state by state in the past nine months, or since the end of the financial year?

Answer:

The Department does not have the requested information.

Available public hospital data reflects the amount of palliative care provided (in patient days or in hospital separations) rather than the number of beds that may be allocated to palliative care from time to time.