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Topic: Home care packages

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Senator Polley, Helen asked:

How did the Department determine how many packages in the various levels it would provide?

Answer:

In the 2014 Aged Care Approvals Round (ACAR), new aged care places were allocated in each state and territory having regard to the national planning benchmark, population projections provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and the current level of service provision. The distribution of new places across Aged Care Planning Regions within a particular state or territory sought to achieve a balance in the provision of services between metropolitan, regional, rural and remote areas, as well as between people needing differing levels of care.

In preparing the Regional Distribution of Aged Care Places for the 2014 ACAR, the department sought advice from state and territory Aged Care Planning Advisory Committees (ACPACs) on the distribution of aged care places (including home care package levels) across regions. In addition, ACPACS identified key issues and the proportion of care that should be provided to identified groups of people, including those with special needs.