

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: My Aged Care

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

What are the average wait times by states for metropolitan and regional areas for clients to be assessed by a member of the My Aged Care Regional Assessment Service (RAS)/an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) once a referral to My Aged Care has been submitted?

Answer:

The basis for assessment for RAS & ACATs currently differs. RAS assessments are conducted in accordance with Aged Care Planning Regions and ACATs operate within boundaries based on Statistical Local Areas. Within the respected regions/areas, there are both metropolitan and regional areas. Average wait times for metropolitan and regional areas by state are not available.

ACAT Timeframe – Assessment Referral Issued to Support Plan Complete

Reporting Period: 01/07/2015 – 30/6/2016*

State/Territory	Median (days)
New South Wales	8
Victoria	13
Queensland	11
South Australia	10
Western Australia	10
Tasmania	14
Northern Territory	14
Australian Capital Territory	12

Source: ACE Reporting system

* Data from the ACE reporting system does not include assessments on the My Aged Care system. ACATs fully transitioned to the My Aged Care system up to 10 June 2016. The table above provides a representation of wait times for 2015-16.

RAS Timeframe – Assessment Referral Issued Date to Assessment Completed

Reporting Period: 01/07/2015 – 30/6/2016

State/Territory	Median (days)
New South Wales	11
Victoria	14
Queensland	13
South Australia	19
Tasmania	14
Northern Territory	7
Australian Capital Territory	15

Source: Aged Care Data Warehouse