

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017, 1 March 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

**Topic:** Home Care Packages

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Siewert, Rachel

**Question:**

Can you provide a breakdown of the average waiting periods for level 1, 2, 3 and 4 home care packages, between the time the consumer is approved for care and the time they are assigned a home care package?

**Answer:**

The measure of 'elapsed time' is utilised because the period of time between the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) approval and entry into residential care may be due to factors which cannot be categorised as 'waiting time'. These data are presented in low care (Home Care levels 1-2) and high care (Home Care levels 3-4) format.

	<b>Level 1-2</b>	<b>Level 3-4</b>
<b>2 days</b>	2.6%	2.4%
<b>7 days</b>	8.2%	8.3%
<b>Less than 1 month</b>	31.0%	32.9%
<b>Less than 3 months</b>	59.5%	60.2%
<b>Less than 9 months</b>	87.1%	82.7%
<b>Median elapsed time</b>	67 days	63 days
<b>Total admissions (no.)</b>	20 918	7 833

Source: 2017 Report on Government Services, Table 14A.25.