

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Aged Care Provision Ratio

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

Can you detail how many residential aged care places, home care packages (and each level) and short term restorative places will be allocated in each financial year between 2017-18 and 2021-22 in order to meet the provision target of 78 residential care places, 45 home care packages and two short term care places per 1,000 people aged 70 and over by 2021-22.

Answer:

The number of places/packages to be released to meet the provision targets is determined after each annual stocktake based on population updates, and the number of previously allocated residential aged care places that have become operational since the last stocktake.

The annual stocktake process commences in July each year. Figures are finalised and presented to the Minister in September, then published on the Department of Health website in October.