

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Home Care

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

What are the most recent figures on how many Home Care Providers are now accredited broken down by previously accredited, not previously accredited and previously accredited for a different service?

Answer:

At 30 June 2016, there were 496 operational approved providers of home care services.

As at 31 December 2016, the Department of Health approved 72 applications to provide home care in 2016-17. Of these:

- 8 were existing providers of residential care and/or flexible care under the *Aged Care Act 1997*; and
- 64 were new approved providers, including 15 Commonwealth Home Support Programme providers.