

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Residential Care

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

Can you provide a current list of government-funded aged care places by type (residential, home care, STRC etc.), status (operational or non-operational) and occupancy rate broken down by aged care planning region? Can you also detail to unmet demand and wait time for all types by aged care planning region?

Answer:

Please see [Attachment A](#) for:

- A list of Australian Government subsidised aged care places by program type, place status and aged care planning region, as at 30 June 2016.
- Occupancy rates by program type and aged care planning region, 2015-16.
- Median elapsed times for aged care services by aged care planning region, 2015-16. 'Elapsed times for aged care services' is defined as the period of time between the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT) approval and entry into residential care or commencement of Home Care. 'Elapsed times for aged care services' are not equivalent to 'unmet demand' or 'waiting times', as people with ACAT approvals may not be actively seeking services.
- The Australian Government needs-based planning framework is designed to provide sufficient supply of residential and home care places by ensuring that the growth in the number of aged care places matches growth in the aged population.