

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-550

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: YOUNG PEOPLE IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE (YPIRAC)

Written Question on Notice

Senator Siewert asked:

- a) What are the current numbers of people under 65 in aged care by age group?
- b) How have the numbers changed over the 5 years of the YPIRAC program?

Answer:

a) Based on Recipient Services data for people in residential aged care, provided to the Department by Medicare Australia, as at 31 March 2011 there were:

- 0 people aged 0-20 years in residential aged care;
- 24 people aged 20-30 years in residential aged care;
- 98 people aged 30-40 years in residential aged care;
- 524 people aged 40-50 years in residential aged care; and
- 5621 people aged 50 to 65 years in residential aged care.

b) At the end of 2005-06, prior to the commencement of the YPIRAC initiative, there were 151,724 permanent residential aged care recipients; 6,557 care recipients, (4.3 per cent) were aged under 65's and 1,007 (0.7 per cent) of care recipients were aged under 50.

At the end of 2009-10, there were 162,587 permanent residential aged care recipients; 6,482 care recipients (4 per cent) were aged under 65, and 715 care recipients (0.4 per cent) were aged under 50.