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Topic: Young People in Residential Aged Care

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Senator Fifield asked:

Did the YPIRAC program meet all of its program objectives? Which objectives did the YPIRAC program fail to meet? If so, can FaHCSIA provide an explanation why the program failed to meet these objectives?

Answer:

State and territory governments manage the Younger People in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC) initiative on a day-to-day basis and deliver the on-the-ground services.

The objectives of the YPIRAC initiative are to:

1. move younger people with disability currently in residential aged care into appropriate supported disability accommodation; where supported disability accommodation can be made available and only if the client chooses to move;
2. divert future admissions of younger people with disability who are at risk of admission to residential aged care into more appropriate forms of accommodation; and
3. enhance the delivery of specialist disability services to those younger people with disability who choose to remain in residential aged care, and if residential aged care remains the only available suitable supported accommodation option.

Over the four years of the YPIRAC initiative to 30 June 2010 (latest data available), an estimated 1,141 people aged less than 65 years have been assisted with YPIRAC services. Of these:

- an estimated 139 people achieved the first YPIRAC objective;
- an estimated 207 people achieved the second YPIRAC objective; and
- an estimated 409 people achieved the third YPIRAC objective.

Over the same time frame, the number of people admitted to residential aged care who were aged less than 50 has fallen by 22 per cent, and the number living in residential aged care has fallen by 29 per cent.