

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: AGED CARE AGED CARE APPROVALS ROUND (ACAR)

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Senator: Senator Smith

Question:

The 2011-12 DoHA Annual report notes that the 2011 ACAR was the fourth in a row in which aged care places have been under allocated.

- a) Can the Department please provide a breakdown for Western Australia of the number of places available, and the number of places allocated over the past four years? Can the Department please provide this information by Aged Care Planning Region.
- b) What action is the department undertaking to ensure access to residential aged care services in regional and remote area, especially in Western Australia?

Answer:

- a) Tables providing the breakdown of aged care places in Western Australia over the past four Aged Care Approvals Rounds are at Attachment A.
- b) As part of its aged care reform package, the government is providing an additional \$108 million over five years to ensure the sustainability of aged care services in regional, rural and remote areas and to improve access and equity to people living in regional Australia. This funding will continue the recent enhancements to the viability supplement – increasing the value of the supplement by more than 40 per cent.

As part of the 2012-13 Aged Care Approvals Round, 1,413 residential aged care places have been made available for allocation in Western Australia, including 400 places in non-metropolitan planning regions.

There is also more than \$200 million available nationally for capital development assistance. Two previous aged care capital grants programs (Residential Care Capital Grants and Rural and Regional Building Fund Capital Grants) have been streamlined into a single Rural, Regional and Other Special Needs Building Fund, providing up to \$51 million in grants in the 2012-13 Aged Care Approvals Round. \$150 million in Zero Real Interest Loans is also available to encourage development of residential aged care services in areas of need.

Attachment A

2011	Residential		Community Aged Care		EACH		EACHD	
	Places available	Places allocated	Places available	Places allocated	Places available	Places allocated	Places available	Places allocated
Metro East	320	102				50		25
Metro South East		81				50		27
Metro North	330	105				20		19
Metro South West	450	47				53		18
Goldfields	200	0				4		0
Great Southern		12				0		0
Kimberley		30				6		0
Mid West		0				6		3
Pilbara		0				0		0
Wheatbelt		12				5		0
South West	200	44				9		10
All Metropolitan Regions								
All Regions					188		91	

2009-10	Residential		Community Aged Care		EACH		EACHD	
	Places available	Places allocated	Places available	Places allocated	Places available	Places allocated	Places available	Places allocated
Metro East	150	68	40	274		68	40	102
Metro South East	150	192	42	158	60	153	15	42
Metro North	350	257	0	0	90	257	80	186
Metro South West	380	40	0	0	110	270	25	62
Goldfields		0		0		7		
Great Southern		0		26		29		24
Kimberley	180	0	25	13	34	18	30	5
Mid West		19		25		48		23
Pilbara		0		0		5		
Wheatbelt		0		11		39		26
South West	120	28		0	20	72	20	60
All Metropolitan Regions				0		30		25
All Regions	234				70		40	

Attachment A

2008/09	Residential		Community Aged Care		EACH		EACHD	
	Places available	Places allocated	Places available	Places allocated	Places available	Places allocated	Places available	Places allocated
Metro East	140	143		25	40	120		
Metro South East	110	122		5		5	15	35
Metro North	260	200	45	111			15	35
Metro South West	320	35	46	220			20	72
Goldfields				3		11		
Great Southern				20		10		5
Kimberley	120		25	5	40			
Mid West		19		15		10		
Pilbara						5		4
Wheatbelt				10		22		
South West	70				10	25		
All Metropolitan Regions					30			
All Regions	188		50	145		57		
2007	Residential		Community Aged Care		EACH		EACHD	
	Places available	Places allocated	Places available	Places allocated	Places available	Places allocated	Places available	Places allocated
Metro East	95	156	50	61		2	15	17
Metro South East	61	73	50	52	20	25	18	21
Metro North	240	84	45	59	15	25		
Metro South West	310	221		20	30	44	15	
Goldfields								
Great Southern		25						5
Kimberley				4				
Mid West	90			1			10	
Pilbara								
Wheatbelt				5				
South West	60	85	20	20				15
All Metropolitan Regions					20			
All Regions	150		55					