

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

All right, so you do have statistics about the total number of workers in the aged-care sector? Is that yes? And you do have figures in relation to how many of those workers are covered by an enterprise bargaining agreement?

Answer:

According to the 2012 National Aged Care Workforce Census and Survey conducted by the National Institute of Labour Studies at Flinders University, the total number of workers in the aged care sector for 2012 is estimated at 352,100, comprising 202,300 in the residential aged care sector and 149,800 in the community aged care sector.

Around 74.4 per cent of employees in residential aged care are covered by an enterprise bargaining agreement. In community aged care, around 59 per cent of employees are covered by an enterprise bargaining agreement.