

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Residential Aged Care Assessment Reviews

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

Can you provide data on how many ACFI claims have been reviewed, downgraded and upgraded through the validation process each year and in each state/territory over the 10 years to 30 June 2016? Can you detail how many of these reviews have been appealed and what percentages of these appeals were successful?

Answer:

Since the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) was introduced in 2008, the number of ACFI reviews has been:

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Aust
2008-09	2689	2091	1094	864	668	216	4	106	7532
2009-10	7994	7988	2732	2405	1760	473	57	140	23549
2010-11	8314	6913	3902	1745	1411	445	72	396	23198
2011-12	6799	4580	3665	1783	1165	522	55	203	18772
2012-13	7147	5721	3913	1750	2125	514	125	177	21472
2013-14	7201	5242	3642	1665	1870	519	78	118	20335
2014-15	7214	5412	3516	1758	1821	616	77	158	20572
2015-16	5709	4226	2592	1645	899	545	0	147	15763

Since the ACFI was introduced in 2008, the number of ACFI review downgrades has been:

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Aust
2008-09	426	239	120	90	131	19	1	15	1,041
2009-10	1,442	1,033	214	380	508	59	12	25	3,673
2010-11	1,566	928	387	303	369	76	22	97	3,748
2011-12	1,522	544	493	213	457	73	29	54	3,385
2012-13	1,593	555	434	116	409	117	41	82	3,347
2013-14	1,164	831	413	256	326	218	26	53	3,287
2014-15	826	518	382	175	256	175	21	17	2,370
2015-16	1,031	345	510	194	222	164	0	34	2,500

Since the ACFI was introduced in 2008, the number of ACFI review upgrades has been:

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Aust
2008-09	109	146	45	39	26	20	1	6	392
2009-10	272	329	81	108	67	33	4	9	903
2010-11	268	230	105	82	51	17	3	25	781
2011-12	178	126	66	74	20	14	2	1	481
2012-13	129	111	42	23	12	4	5	2	328
2013-14	135	50	34	25	32	3	0	1	280
2014-15	84	42	18	16	20	7	2	1	190
2015-16	52	34	17	10	1	5	0	1	120

Approved providers requested ACFI review reconsiderations for 1,620 of these reviews and 45 per cent of these reconsiderations resulted in the ACFI claim returning to the approved provider's classification decision.