

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Home Care Package supply

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

Can you provide the age profile of people in home care, at 30 June 2016, compared to the previous years since the start of the Living Longer, Living Better reforms? The Living Longer, Living Better reforms projected the total number of Home Care Packages to increase to around 100,000 packages by 2016-17. Will the Government make this target?

Answer:

The age profile of people in home care as at 30 June for each year since the commencement of the Living Longer, Living Better reforms has been expressed in percentage terms in the following table:

Age profile as at:	≤64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85 plus	Total
30 June 2013	3.7%	5.6%	9.7%	14.9%	23.5%	42.7%	100.0%
30 June 2014	3.6%	5.6%	9.8%	15.0%	22.9%	43.0%	100.0%
30 June 2015	3.7%	5.9%	10.0%	15.2%	22.0%	43.3%	100.0%
30 June 2016	3.7%	6.3%	10.3%	15.6%	21.6%	42.5%	100.0%

In the 2012-13 Budget, as part of the Living Longer, Living Better reforms it was projected that the total number of home care packages would increase by nearly 40,000 over the next five years (up to 2017-18). It is projected that the Government will meet this target, with around 100,000 packages by 2017-18.