

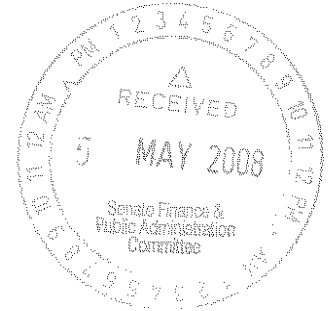
Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

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Question: HS6

Outcome 1, Output 1.1

Topic: Centrelink – Supported Accommodation Survey

Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Written

SENATOR PATTERSON asked on 19/02/2008:

The previous government in planning for its policy to provide supported accommodation for sons and daughters of older carers had Centrelink undertake a survey to provide a better understanding of unmet need. Could you please provide the number of older carers with disabled children that were identified by Centrelink to be between:

60-65 yrs old
66-70 yrs old
70-75 yrs old
75-85 yrs old
85 yrs old and over

- (a) How many in every category were caring for more than one child and/or a child and spouse or other dependent?
- (b) Would you also please provide a breakdown of this data by state? E.g. How many in each age group in NSW, VIC etc.
- (c) How old was the oldest carer identified?
- (d) What additional data did Centrelink get from these people? E.g. How many are on state waiting lists for accommodation? How many receive additional state support to assist them in their role as a carer? Please provide details of this additional data.
- (e) Was a report written of this survey and if so, could you please provide this committee with the report?

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Answer:

No survey was conducted.

From their data holdings Centrelink identified 5164 older carers who were potentially eligible for transition support assistance.

60-65 yrs old - This group are not eligible for transition support.

65-69	1487
70-74	1495
75-79	1170
80-84	712
85-89	257
90 plus	43
Total	5164

Source: Centrelink data, July 2007, Carer in receipt of Carer Allowance, Adult child with disability aged 40 and over in receipt of DSP.

- (a) This information was not collected routinely as part of the Transition Support Measure.
- (b) Of the 5164 potentially eligible older carers the following table breaks them down by state.

ACT	51
NSW	1697
NT	20
QLD	1040
SA	421
TAS	142
VIC	1458
WA	331
Not recorded	4
Total -	5164

Source: Centrelink data, July 2007, Carer in receipt of Carer Allowance, Adult child with disability aged 40 and over in receipt of DSP.

- (c)-(e) Refer to pages CA120-1 of the Community Affairs Estimates Hansard from Thursday, 21 February 2008.