

Ability Options
Inquiry into the Aged Care (Living Longer Living Better) Bill 2013
and related Bills

Answers to Questions on Notice – 2 May 2013 – Canberra

During the course of the Senate Committee hearing on Thursday 2 May we undertook to provide the following:

- New South Wales HACC forum supplementary submission to the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- Statistics for people with intellectual disabilities living in aged-care facilities, both over and under the age of 65 years.

Through our contacts and internet searching we have sought to locate information on the numbers of people with intellectual disability living in aged care facilities. There is limited accessible data with this specific detail. We did find the following:

'A total of 105,600 people with intellectual disability and a severe or profound limitation were living in some form of care accommodation (for example, aged care facilities or hostels for people with disability). Of these, 12,500 (12%) were aged under 65 years, and 93,100 (88%) were aged 65 years or over (AIHW analysis of ABS 2003 SDAC confidentialised unit record file).' (see AIHW report attached p.13)

There was also some information on people aged less than 65 years living residential aged care available in reports from the Younger People in Residential Aged Care initiative facilities (most recent report attached - YPIRAC). Unfortunately this only tells the story for those of this age group receiving services funded by the YPIRAC initiative (n=1087); the report notes 11% of this group have an intellectual disability.

It would seem the data we sought has been collected but is neither routinely reported nor readily accessible.

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Kind regards,



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