

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-369

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: NATIONAL RESPITE FOR CARERS PROGRAM

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fifield asked:

Regarding the National Respite for Carers Program:

- a) How many people are currently using respite through the program?
- b) How many applications for respite services have been refused?
- c) Can the Department provide a breakdown of the reasons for rejection/refusal?
- d) Can the Department provide a breakdown by location of the applications for respite services that have been refused?

Answer:

The data provided in this answer is with regard to services provided by the 650 respite providers in 2009-10:

- a) 37,220 primary carers and 32,831 care recipients were assisted with respite services.

b), c), and d)

The Department does not collect data on how many applications for respite services were refused.