

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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**Question:** E12-210

**OUTCOME 4:** Aged Care and Population Ageing

**Topic:** Aged Care Residential Bonds

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

How many bonds are there of \$2.6 million and the Department's understanding of the value of those bonds?

How many are over \$2 million?

How many are between \$1.5 and \$2 million?

**Answer:**

The Productivity Commission received submissions citing accommodation bonds up to \$2.6 million were being sought for entry in residential aged care.

The Department of Health and Ageing's Survey of Aged Care Homes collects data on the size of accommodation bonds taken each year. In 2010-11 there was no accommodation bond reported in excess of \$1.5 million. This survey has a response rate of 91 per cent and therefore there may have been accommodation bonds collected that were of higher value than \$1.5 million.

The following table provides a breakdown on the size of accommodation bonds paid for entry to residential aged care in 2010-11 by state/territory.

	<b>Under \$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000 - \$499,999</b>	<b>\$500,000 - \$749,999</b>	<b>\$750,000 - \$999,999</b>	<b>\$1,000,000 or more</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>NSW</b>	3,932	3,049	521	37	14	7,553
<b>Vic</b>	3,038	2,604	443	55	16	6,156
<b>Qld</b>	1,830	1,433	109	18		3,390
<b>WA</b>	818	907	47	14		1,786
<b>SA</b>	975	514	72			1,561
<b>Tas</b>	203	124				327
<b>ACT</b>	125	181	22			328
<b>NT</b>	14	10				24
<b>Aust</b>	<b>10,935</b>	<b>8,822</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21,125</b>

Note: This data is as reported by aged care providers in the 2010-11 Survey of Aged Care Homes, which had a response rate of 91 per cent.