

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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

**Topic:** Aged Care Funding Instrument

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

How many allocated but not operational licences are there currently? How much will it cost the Government at less than 80 per cent take up of residential aged care licences?

**Answer:**

As at 30 June 2011 there were 17,990 provisionally allocated aged care places (that is, allocated but not yet operational places), of which 16,810 were provisionally allocated residential aged care places.

As at 30 June 2011 there were 185,559 operational residential aged care places from a total of 207,279 allocated residential aged care places. Of these allocated places, there were a total of 4,742 'offline places' – these are places which have been made operational, but which were not being used to provide care on 30 June 2011. The usual reason why places are taken offline is for building stock to be replaced or redeveloped.

The average Australian Government payment for a full time equivalent residential aged care recipient in 2012-13 is expected to be around \$53,200. Based on the Department of Health and Ageing's projections of the number of places that will become operational over the course of 2012-13 and the average rate at which they are occupied, the Budget estimate for residential aged care subsidies in 2012-13 is \$9,116.3 million.