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Topic: Disability Services – Unmet Need

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Senator Fifield asked:

Is the Department aware of reports prepared by State and Territory Governments detailing the unmet need in disability services?

Answer:

The Department is aware of several specialist disability services unmet need reports by state and territory governments. The Government of South Australia, through Disability SA, releases data on unmet need through a report: *The Provision of Disability Services in South Australia*, on its website every six months. The Victorian Department of Human Services (DHS) uses a Disability Support Register (DSR) to record the current need for on-going disability support. This data is available on the DHS website.

Several state and territory governments have also made submissions to the current Productivity Commission Inquiry into Disability and Care and Support some of which include information on current service systems and expected demand.