

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-552

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: Young People in Aged Care

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fifield asked:

- a) How many people aged under 20 are currently in residential aged care?
- b) How many people aged under 30 are currently in residential aged care?
- c) How many people aged under 40 are currently in residential aged care?
- d) How many people aged under 50 are currently in residential aged care?
- e) How many people aged under 65 are currently in residential aged care?
- f) How many people aged under 20 entered residential aged care in 2010-11?
- g) How many people aged under 30 entered residential aged care in 2010-11?
- h) How many people aged under 40 entered residential aged care in 2010-11?
- i) How many people aged under 50 entered residential aged care in 2010-11?
- j) How many people aged under 65 entered residential aged care in 2010-11?
- k) What proportion of all residents under the age of 65 years are currently in residential aged care.

Answer:

(a-e) Based on Recipient Services data for people in residential aged care, provided to the Department by Medicare Australia, as at 31 March 2011 there were:

- 0 people under 20 currently in residential aged care;
- 24 people under 30 currently in residential aged care;
- 122 people under 40 currently in residential aged care;
- 646 people under 50 currently in residential aged care; and
- 6,267 people under 65 currently in residential aged care.

(f-j) Data are currently available only up to 31 March 2011. During the period from 1 July 2010 to 31 March 2011, based on Recipient Services data for permanent admissions to residential aged care provided to the Department by Medicare Australia:

- 0 people under 20 entered residential aged care;
- 4 people under 30 entered residential aged care;
- 26 people under 40 entered residential aged care;
- 138 people under 50 entered residential aged care;
- 1,319 people under 65 entered residential aged care.

k) As at 31 March 2011 there were 158,636 permanent residential aged care recipients. Of these 6,267 or 3.95 per cent were aged under 65 years.