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5 February, 2026

Mr Blair Comley PSM
Secretary of the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

RE: Request for Information Prepared Ahead of Community Affairs' Estimates Hearing

Dear Secretary Comley,

I write to you to request information to be prepared by the Department of Health, Disability and Aging ahead of the Community Affairs' estimates hearing next week.

Waitlists for the Single Assessment System

- The monthly breakdown since August 2025 to current of:
 - The number of people waiting for an assessment
 - The number of people waiting for an assessment in a hospital
 - The number of people waiting for an assessment through a community based assessment
- The average time elapsed, broken down by state and territory and per month since August 2025 to current for:
 - The time between referral for an aged care assessment and assessment approvals
 - The time between referral for a hospital based aged care assessment and assessment approval.
 - The time between referral for a community based aged care assessment and assessment approval.
- The 90th percentile of time elapsed, broken down by state and territory and per month since August 2025 to current for:
 - The time between referral for an aged care assessment and assessment approvals
 - The time between referral for a hospital based aged care assessment and assessment approval.
 - The time between referral for a community based aged care assessment and assessment approval.

Hospital patient days used by those eligible and waiting for residential aged care

- The number of public hospital separations for people aged 50 years or over (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) and people aged 65 years or over (non-Indigenous) with diagnosis Z75.11 in 2024 - 2025. Please provide this broken down by state and territory.



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- The number of public hospital separations for people aged 50 years or over (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) and people aged 65 years or over (non-Indigenous) with diagnosis Z75.11, July 2025 - January 2026. Please provide this broken down by state and territory.
- Public hospital separations for people aged 50 years or over (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) and people aged 65 years or over (non-Indigenous) with diagnosis Z74.2 in 2024 - 2025. Please provide this broken down by state and territory.
- Public hospital separations for people aged 50 years or over (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) and people aged 65 years or over (non-Indigenous) with diagnosis Z74.2 in July 2025 - January 2026. Please provide this broken down by state and territory.

A breakdown by state and territory of Support at Home packages of the number of Support at Home packages released each month since 1 November 2025. Additionally:

- The number of packages at each support level
- The number of packages approved at one support level but allocated at a lower level by approval level and allocated level.

I would appreciate it if these questions could be provided by no later than COB Tuesday 10 February 2026 in preparation for the hearings on Wednesday 11 February.

Thank you very much for your assistance with providing this information.

Kind regards,

Senator Penny Allman-Payne