PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health and Aged Care

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Inquiry into the Aged Care Bill 2024 (Provisions)

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At Home Support Budget - Eight (8) Classifications

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Senator: Penny Allman-Payne

Question:

Senator ALLMAN-PAYNE: In terms of support at home, noting that there are going to be the eight classifications and then there are the annual budgets that have been set out for those minus the 10 per cent for care management, have you modelled expected splits of the dollar amounts or the percentages that someone would require between clinical independents and everyday living services? For example, if I go to classification 8, if I'm reading it correctly, they get an annual budget of $78,000. In terms of that $78,000, have you modelled what you expect someone at that level would require in terms of a percentage of that being clinical care, independents and everyday living?

Mr Morgan: We have. It will vary a little bit. Because each person in each classification will have their own requirements, there is a fair degree of variation. I believe we've got averages of what we saw. We did the trial of 22,000 people using the new assessment tool. Off the back of that, we can determine some averages against which we can make some—

Senator ALLMAN-PAYNE: Can the results of that be provided to the committee so we can look at those eight classifications and see what you are roughly expecting those percentages will be?

Mr Lye: I think so, yes.

Senator ALLMAN-PAYNE: If we could have that on notice, that would be super helpful.

Answer:

The following table shows the average distribution of spending by service category for each classification level under Support at Home. These average distributions are based on a trial in which 22,000 people were assessed with the Integrated Assessment Tool in 2023.

There may be significant variation around the averages in practice, given each person's service mix will be unique to their own needs.

	Average distribution of spending by Support at Home service category (IAT Trial Data)							
	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 8
Clinical	23%	30%	28%	25%	30%	31%	33%	30%
Independence	33%	36%	42%	49%	49%	49%	52%	51%
Everyday living	44%	34%	31%	25%	21%	20%	15%	19%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%