

**Question on notice no. 85**

**Portfolio question number: SQ18-000094**

**2017-18 Additional estimates**

**Community Affairs Committee, Health Portfolio**

**Senator the Hon Kristina Keneally:** asked the Department of Health on 28 February 2018—

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**Answer —**

Please see the attached answer.

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**OUTCOME:** 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

**Topic:** Home Care Packages

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**Senator:** Kristina Keneally

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Ms Rule: We'll have to take on notice the individual numbers of consumers waiting for particular periods.

**Answer:**

As at 31 December 2017, there were 636<sup>1</sup> people on the national prioritisation queue who have been waiting more than 12 months for a home care package and includes those who have chosen not to accept an interim package or their approved package.

As at 31 December 2017, there were 299<sup>1</sup> people on the national prioritisation queue who have been waiting more than 24 months for a home care package and includes those who have chosen not to accept an interim package or their approved package.

All data has been sourced from the Department of Social Services Siebel extract of the National Prioritisation Queue as at 31 December 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> Includes consumers who have set their minimum package threshold at either level 3 or level 4. Without a minimum package threshold, all consumers within this count would have been assigned an interim level home care package.