

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-131

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN AGED CARE FACILITIES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce asked:

In relation to the commitment contained in A National Health and Hospitals Network for Australia's Future that the States – with the exception of Vic and WA – will assume responsibility for funding aged care services for younger people, such as younger people with a disability, wherever they are receiving care as many thousands of younger people with disability are currently being accommodated in aged care homes.

- a) Has this funding change been implemented?
- b) What are the financial arrangements which support this change?
- c) What have been the costs to the Governments involved?

Answer:

- a) Yes, the National Partnership Agreement on Transitioning Responsibilities for Aged Care and Disability Services (NPA) sets out the roles and responsibilities of the Commonwealth and the participating states and territories and provides the mechanism through which jurisdictions are able to fund care services for the age group for which they are responsible. All states and territories and the Prime Minister have signed the NPA. Victoria and Western Australia are not participating in these arrangements.
- b) Schedule B to the NPA Cross-Billing Arrangements, sets out the schedule for payments by the Commonwealth to participating states and territories for specialist disability services to older people and amounts payable to the Commonwealth by participating states and territories for Commonwealth funded package and residential care services to younger people.
- c) The Commonwealth will provide \$125.3 million in funding over 2011-12 to states to deliver Specialist Disability Services to Older People and the States will provide \$251.9 million to the Commonwealth Government over 2011-12 to deliver community packaged care and residential care to young people. These are set out in the two tables below. All payments are exclusive of GST.

Table 1: Notional costs to be provided by the Commonwealth to the States for older people accessing specialist disability services provided under the National Disability Agreement.

<b>State</b>	<b>2011-12 (\$,000)</b>
New South Wales	55,456
Queensland	17,046
South Australia	41,682
Tasmania	5,683
Australian Capital Territory	785
Northern Territory	4,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,292</b>

Table 2: Notional Costs to be provided by the States to the Commonwealth for younger people accessing packaged community care and residential care.

<b>State</b>	<b>2011-12 (\$,000)</b>
New South Wales	131,181
Queensland	76,569
South Australia	26,782
Tasmania	8,998
Australian Capital Territory	3,491
Northern Territory	4,860
<b>Total</b>	<b>251,881</b>