

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-219

OUTCOME 13: Acute Care

Topic: SUBACUTE MENTAL HEALTH BEDS

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

What progress has been made in relation to the subacute mental health beds as part of 1,365 beds in subacute reform [National Partnership Agreement in Improving Public Hospital Services, Schedule E, New Subacute Beds Guarantee]?

Answer:

In their Commonwealth approved Implementation Plans, states and territories are planning to deliver 377 mental health beds and bed equivalent services (which includes psychogeriatric care) over the course of the subacute element of the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services (NPA IPHS) (2010-11 to 2013-14). This represents 22 per cent of total beds and bed equivalents planned by states and territories over the course of the subacute measure. The total number of beds and equivalents planned is 1,719 compared with the NPA IPHS target of 1,316.

Progress made by states and territories against NPA IPHS targets is reported to the Commonwealth half yearly. Eight mental health beds and bed equivalents have been delivered by the states and territories, based on the most recent Commonwealth approved Progress Reports which cover the period January to June 2011.