

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013**

**Question: E13-221**

**OUTCOME 13: Acute Care**

**Topic:** Public Hospitals and Information – Improving Public Hospital Services NPA – Mental Health Component.

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

In relation to the IPHS, improving public hospital services NPA, as at 30 June 2012, there were 712.79 beds and equivalent services which had been delivered nationally against the target.

- a) There was a mental health component of that. I have almost found four in QLD, but I do not know where the rest of them are. Do we know where the mental health beds are?
- b) And can you break that down to category and where they are in which state?

**Answer:**

a) and b)

Under Schedule E (new subacute beds guarantee funding) of the National Partnership Agreement on Improving Public Hospital Services, states and territories plan to deliver a total of 296.2 subacute mental health beds. The following table is a breakdown of planned beds/bed equivalents by subacute care type by state and territory:

**Beds/Bed Equivalents planned by jurisdictions as reported in approved  
Implementation Plans under the NPA IPHS**

	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Subacute Mental Health	122	30	20	5.2	113	0	0	6	296.2
Palliative Care	54	24.9	25.5	4	0	0	4.1	2	114.5
Geriatric Evaluation and Management	22	165.3	52	7	0	0	8	4	258.3
Rehab	264	179.5	172.4	186.2	20	30	25.3	2	879.4
Psycho Geriatric	0	0	0	25.2	0	10	0	0	35.2
Multiple	0	24	65	0	0	0	0	0	65
Unspecified	0	110	0	60	0	10	0	0	180
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>509.7</b>	<b>334.9</b>	<b>287.6</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1828.6</b>

NB: There may be additional subacute mental health beds being delivered by states and territories than described in this breakdown. The implementation plans of some states and territories do not clearly specify the subacute care type which will be delivered. In this case or where multiple care type beds / bed equivalents are being delivered under the one project the number of subacute mental health beds is unable to be determined.