

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013**

**Question:** E13-233

**OUTCOME 4:** Aged Care and Population Ageing

**Topic:** Non-Operational Bed Licenses (Evan's Head Development)

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**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

How long has the bed licence at Evans Head been non-operational? Is it the oldest?

**Answer:**

The Approved Provider, Ex-Services Home Ballina (now known as RSL LifeCare) was allocated 40 low care places on 21 March 2001 and 15 low care places on 12 January 2006 for a 55 bed residential aged care service to be located at Evans Head, in northern New South Wales.

On 26 February 2013, the Department of Health and Ageing was notified by the approved provider that they had decided to no longer proceed with the development and have subsequently relinquished the 55 residential aged care places.

There is one other approved provider with provisional residential aged care places allocated just before Evans Head.