

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

**Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013**

**Question:** E13-234

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

**Topic:** Occupancy Rates in Aged Care.

**Type of Question:** Hansard Page 71, 13 February 2013

**Senator:** Senator Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

Do you know where that seven per cent that is not occupied is?

**Answer:**

Average occupancy rates, and the associated percentage of unoccupied places, for the provision of residential aged care for each aged care planning region, state and territory in 2011-12 are at Attachment A.

**Average occupancy data for residential care\*  
places by state and aged care planning  
region, 2011–12**

**Attachment A**

State/ territory	Aged care planning region	Residential care occupancy	Unoccupied residential care
NSW	Central Coast	93.4%	6.6%
	Central West	93.4%	6.6%
	Far North Coast	91.3%	8.7%
	Hunter	96.1%	3.9%
	Illawarra	91.2%	8.8%
	Inner West	90.8%	9.2%
	Mid North Coast	90.0%	10.0%
	Nepean	96.3%	3.7%
	New England	94.6%	5.4%
	Northern Sydney	93.0%	7.0%
	Orana Far West	95.1%	4.9%
	Riverina/Murray	91.6%	8.4%
	South East Sydney	91.9%	8.1%
	Southern Highlands	85.3%	14.7%
	South West Sydney	93.1%	6.9%
	Western Sydney	93.4%	6.6%
	<b>NSW</b>	<b>92.6%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
VIC	Barwon-South Western	94.3%	5.7%
	Eastern Metro	92.7%	7.3%
	Gippsland	94.1%	5.9%
	Grampians	93.8%	6.2%
	Hume	94.2%	5.8%
	Loddon-Mallee	94.0%	6.0%
	Northern Metro	91.9%	8.1%
	Southern Metro	92.3%	7.7%
	Western Metro	88.8%	11.2%
		<b>VIC</b>	<b>92.5%</b>
QLD	Brisbane North	92.7%	7.3%
	Brisbane South	92.4%	7.6%
	Cabool	95.6%	4.4%
	Central West	77.7%	22.3%
	Darling Downs	95.6%	4.4%
	Far North	93.0%	7.0%
	Fitzroy	91.1%	8.9%
	Logan River Valley	91.9%	8.1%
	Mackay	96.2%	3.8%
	Northern	89.0%	11.0%
	North West	83.8%	16.2%
	South Coast	87.4%	12.6%
	South West	89.0%	11.0%
	Sunshine Coast	89.9%	10.1%
	West Moreton	97.2%	2.8%
	Wide Bay	94.0%	6.0%
		<b>QLD</b>	<b>92.1%</b>

WA	Goldfields	95.7%	4.3%
	Great Southern	92.7%	7.3%
	Kimberley	86.4%	13.6%
	Metropolitan East	92.1%	7.9%
	Metropolitan North	94.9%	5.1%
	Metropolitan South East	94.0%	6.0%
	Metropolitan South West	92.7%	7.3%
	Mid West	99.1%	0.9%
	Pilbara	94.3%	5.7%
	South West	96.6%	3.4%
	Wheatbelt	91.9%	8.1%
	<b>WA</b>	<b>93.7%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
SA	Eyre Peninsula	96.1%	3.9%
	Hills, Mallee & Southern	96.6%	3.4%
	Metropolitan East	96.6%	3.4%
	Metropolitan North	93.2%	6.8%
	Metropolitan South	95.2%	4.8%
	Metropolitan West	96.5%	3.5%
	Mid North	94.1%	5.9%
	Riverland	97.4%	2.6%
	South East	88.7%	11.3%
	Whyalla, Flinders & Far North	98.1%	1.9%
	Yorke, Lower North & Barossa	94.9%	5.1%
	<b>SA</b>	<b>95.2%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
TAS	Northern	91.3%	8.7%
	North Western	93.7%	6.3%
	Southern	92.8%	7.2%
	<b>TAS</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
ACT	ACT	93.7%	6.3%
	<b>ACT</b>	<b>93.7%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
NT	Alice Springs	94.5%	5.5%
	Barkly	96.7%	3.3%
	Darwin	89.6%	10.4%
	East Arnhem	-	-
	Katherine	95.6%	4.4%
	<b>NT</b>	<b>91.6%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>92.8%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	

Dash (-) signifies no operational mainstream residential places.

\* Residential aged care places excludes flexible residential places in Multi-purpose services (MPS), National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program services and Innovative Care services.