

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for the Child Care System      Question No: SQ15-000113**

**Topic: In Home Care**

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**Senator Lines, Sue asked:**

In relation to the In Home Care program:

- a) How many places have been available in the program over each of the last 10 years, by state, territory and federal electorate?
- b) What is the average hourly cost of providing In Home Care, over each of the last 10 years?
- c) How many places have been allocated, by state, territory and federal electorate over each of the last 10 years?

**Answer:**

a) & c) In Home Care places are capped and are allocated to approved services to provide to eligible families as required. As such, the number of available places is subject to continuous change and the department does not collect data about availability. The allocation of places across states and territories is as outlined in Table 1. The department cannot report on how many places are allocated by electorate as In Home Care takes place in the home of the child.

b) The cost of providing In Home Care depends on the business model of the service providing care.

**Table 1—No of Places Allocated 2004 to 2014**

<b>State</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>NSW</b>	1260	1260	1260	1495	1545	1545	1545	1545	1734	1734	1734
<b>VIC</b>	650	650	650	863	851	828	828	828	831	831	831
<b>QLD</b>	1340	1340	1340	1592	1350	1385	1385	1385	1745	1720	1720
<b>WA</b>	585	585	585	715	580	580	580	580	605	605	605
<b>SA</b>	65	65	65	165	165	166	166	166	225	225	225
<b>TAS</b>	320	320	320	455	255	255	255	255	325	325	325
<b>ACT</b>	85	85	85	85	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
<b>NT</b>	20	20	20	155	182	82	82	82	20	45	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>4325</b>	<b>4325</b>	<b>4325</b>	<b>5525</b>	<b>4963</b>	<b>4876</b>	<b>4876</b>	<b>4876</b>	<b>5520</b>	<b>5520</b>	<b>5520</b>

Source: Areas Determinations