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Senator Polley, Helen asked:

Please provide the number of RADs approved over \$550,000, by state and territory.

How many of these were in regional areas?

How many applications were not approved and why?

Answer:

1. In the period from 31 January 2014 to 18 March 2015, the Aged Care Pricing Commissioner approved 565 applications for accommodation payments above the maximum amount determined by the Minister.

By State and Territory, the numbers of applications approved are:

State/Territory	Applications
Australian Capital Territory	12
New South Wales	291
Queensland	53
South Australia	4
Tasmania	1
Victoria	180
Western Australia	24

2. Where a “regional” service is defined as being a service greater than 40 km from the central business district of the capital city in the State or Territory, a total of 42 applications approved were regional.
3. 18 applications were withdrawn, and a number reframed by applicants. This reflects an approach taken by the Commissioner to facilitate the best outcome for consumers without causing undue disruption to the aged care sector.