

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 11 – Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Aged Care Visits

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

a) How many aged care facility visits have Minister Ley and Assistant Minister Wyatt have made since taking on their portfolio duties as part of Malcolm Turnbull's Ministry team? This may be based on the event briefs prepared by the Department for the Ministers if access to their diaries is not possible

Include dates, locations, name of facilities and purpose of the meeting (including whether a speech or media release was required)

b) How many of these visits were to dementia care units?

Answer:

Between 30 September 2015 and 10 February 2016, the Department of Health responded to 16 event briefing requests for Minister Ley and 14 event briefing requests for Assistant Minister Wyatt relating to aged care. These figures do not necessarily indicate the number of visits to aged care facilities as Ministers may have met with stakeholders and not requested a briefing.

Ministers' diaries are managed by ministerial staff and the Department does not have access to that information.