

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Residential Aged Care Services

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Reynolds, Linda

Question:

What is the total value of 'Daily Accommodation Payments' and amount paid in 'refundable accommodation deposits' by people under 65 years in Residential Aged Care services in the last financial year?

Answer:

The Department of Health estimates that, in 2015-16, a total of approximately \$5 million in Refundable Accommodation Deposits (RADs) was either paid, agreed or being negotiated by residents under 65 years of age.

This estimate was developed from data sourced from the System for the Payment of Aged Residential Care (SPARC). Note that SPARC data may not in all cases reflect the final agreed RAD amounts paid by care recipients.

The Department does not require the collection of Daily Accommodation Payments (DAPs) information and therefore does not track the total DAP amounts paid by all aged care recipients.