

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-370

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: National Respite for Carers Program

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fifield asked:

Can the Department provide a breakdown of the individuals that have benefited through the program:

- a) Gender
- b) Age
- c) Medical impairment

Answer:

The data provided in this answer is with regard to services provided by the 650 respite providers in 2009-10:

- a) The Department does not collect data on the gender of individuals who have benefited through the program.
- b) The Department collects age data for care recipients over and under the age of 65 years. In 2009-10, 26,548 care recipients over the age of 65 years and 6,283 care recipients under the age of 65 received respite support services.
- c) The table below provides care recipient characteristics for the four medical impairments for which the Department collects data. A formal diagnosis of these conditions is not required for data collection purposes.

<b>Care recipient characteristics 2009-10</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Number with Dementia	13,388
Number with Dementia and challenging behaviour	6,266
Number with a disability	7,904
Number with terminal illness	1,552