

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 0 – Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Older People Admitted to Hospital

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**Senator:** Fierravanti-Wells

**Question:**

I want to follow up on your report and the media release in relation to a rise in hospital admissions for older Australians. Drilling down, you say that hospital admissions for older Australians are rapidly rising. You talk about a nine per cent increase between 2007-08 and 2011-12. Can you break down for me those people over age 85, those 592 admissions that you refer to—just a breakdown of the nature of those in terms of acute as opposed to subacute?

**Answer:**

In 2011-12, there were 592,477 hospital separations for people aged 85 years and over. Of these, 514,468 were acute care separations and 78,009 were for subacute or non-acute care.