Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Supported Accommodation Innovation Fund

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Would you please provide a breakdown of the shortage of supported accommodation places in each state and territory?

Answer:

There is no public national data that shows the shortage in supported accommodation places; in that there is no national mechanism collecting data on how many people with disability have requested a supported accommodation place but are not receiving it. Some state or territory governments may collect data on supported accommodation shortages but are not required to share it with the Australian Government or report it publicly.

There is public national data on the number of supported accommodation places delivered by states and territories – it is published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare in annual Disability Support Services publications (available online at www.aihw.gov.au/disability-publications).