

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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**Topic:** Australian Standard Geographical Classification – Remoteness Areas

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**Question:**

Provide a comparative table of how the ASGC-RA looked compared to the Modified Monash Model and the categories which swap over to that.

**Answer:**

The Modified Monash Model (MMM) is based on the Australian Statistical Geography **Standard** – Remoteness Area (ASGS-RA), which is an update of the Australian Standard Geographical **Classification** – Remoteness Area (ASGC-RA) system. The ASGS-RA is based on 2011 census data, whereas the ASGC-RA is based on 2006 census data. As such, there is no full comparison possible between the ASGC-RA and the MMM. However, the following table sets out correspondence between ASGS-RA and the MMM, and this is broadly indicative of the correspondence between ASGC-RA and the MMM, as few areas changed remoteness classification due to the update.

Modified Monash Category	Inclusions
MM 1	All areas categorised ASGS-RA1.
MM 2	Areas categorised ASGS-RA 2 and ASGS-RA 3 that are in, or within 20km road distance, of a town with population >50,000.
MM 3	Areas categorised ASGS-RA 2 and ASGS-RA 3 that are not in MM 2 and are in, or within 15km road distance, of a town with population between 15,000 and 50,000.
MM 4	Areas categorised ASGS-RA 2 and ASGS-RA 3 that are not in MM 2 or MM 3, and are in, or within 10km road distance, of a town with population between 5,000 and 15,000.
MM 5	All other areas in ASGS-RA 2 and 3.
MM 6	All areas categorised ASGS-RA 4 that are not on a populated island that is separated from the mainland in the ABS geography and is more than 5km offshore.
MM 7	All other areas – that being ASGS-RA 5 and areas on a populated island that is separated from the mainland in the ABS geography and is more than 5km offshore.

<b>ASGS-RA (2011 Census)</b>
RA1 – Major cities
RA2 – Inner Regional
RA3 – Outer Regional
RA4 – Remote
RA5 – Very remote