

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Topic: ACAR**

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**Senator Helen Polley asked:**

Incorporating short term restorative care places into the aged care planning ratio from 1 July 2016 will appear to result in an overall reduction of current residential allocations through ACAR by two places – from 80 out of 125 places, to 78 out of 125 places. Will this measure be factored into the 2015 ACAR?

**Answer:**

The changed target ratio for residential care places will be taken into account in determining the number of new residential care places to be released in the next ACAR but will not have a significant impact on the number of places released.