

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

**Outcome Number: 3.3 Home Care**

**Question No: SQ15-000370**

**Topic: CDC and Consumer Choice**

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**Senator Helen Polley asked:**

The Budget introduces the “Increasing Consumer Choice” measure, at a cost of \$73.7million, where consumers will access home care packages via the Gateway rather than have providers allocated packages via ACAR. Can you outline how this interacts with the current planning ratios?

**Answer:**

The total number of home care packages will continue to be determined in line with the aged care provision ratio. Within the current planning ratio, the number of home care packages will increase to 45 packages per 1,000 people aged 70 years and over by 2021-22.