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Topic: Short Term Restorative Care

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Senator Polley, Helen asked:

In relation to the Budget measure concerning short term restorative care places: How many people enter permanent residential care prematurely?

Answer:

All recipients of Australian Government subsidised residential aged care are assessed by an Aged Care Assessment Team as being eligible to receive care and hence cannot be regarded as entering prematurely. However, experience with the Transition Care Programme suggests that for some people an intensive, restorative intervention can delay the need for residential care.

The recent Australian Institute of Health and Welfare report, 'Transition care for older people leaving hospital: 2005-6 to 2012-13' found that more than half of care recipients returned to live in the community after accessing the Transition Care Programme.