

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

**Outcome Number: 3.4 Residential and Flexible Care**

**Question No: SQ15-000384**

**Topic: Short Term Restorative Care**

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**Senator Polley, Helen** asked:

How will incorporating short term care into the planning ratio reduce residential allocations?

How will this be factored into the forthcoming ACAR?

How many short term places do you expect to be in this year's ACAR?

**Answer:**

1) There is no change in the overall aged care provision ratio of 125 aged care places for every 1,000 people aged 70 years or over by 2021-22. However, the balance of care types within the ratio will change from 1 July 2015 to accommodate the new care type as follows:

- Residential care places – 78 places (reduced from 80 places).
- Home care places – 45 places (unchanged).
- Short-term restorative care places – 2 (now included in the ratio).

This does not affect existing allocations of residential care places. The total number of residential care places will continue to grow.

2) The new short-term restorative care places will not be part of the forthcoming ACAR. 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.

3) Nil.