

**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: SQ15-000385**

**Topic: Short Term Restorative Care**

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**Senator Polley, Helen** asked:

How many residential allocations will be lost?

With a high take up of residential aged care places, will this measure make it harder to access a full time residential aged care place?

**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) It is not anticipated that the short-term restorative care measure will make it harder to access a full-time residential aged care place.