

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 & 30 May 2017**

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**OUTCOME:** 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

**Topic:** HCP - Provider Accreditation

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

What are the most recent figures on how many Home Care Providers are now accredited broken down by previously accredited, not previously accredited and previously accredited for a different service?

**Answer:**

- At 30 June 2016, there were 496 operational approved providers of home care services.
- At 31 March 2017, the Department of Health approved 158 applications to provide home care in 2016-17. Of these
  - 23 were existing providers of residential care and/or flexible care under the *Aged Care Act 1997*; and
  - 135 were new approved providers, including 25 Commonwealth Home Support Programme providers.