

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018, 29 May 2017

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OUTCOME: 4 - Individual Health Benefits

Topic: National Partnership Agreement - Waiting Lists

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Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Senator DI NATALE: Can I ask you about the national partnership agreement, specifically about waiting lists. Do you have a breakdown of the last three years of waiting lists?

Mr Cormack: I can get that for you, but I have a fair bit of other information available now.

Answer:

Please refer to Question on Notice SQ17-001042 in relation to waiting times for the last three years.

The three years of waiting list information (people) is below.

Number of Patients on General Waiting Lists			
S/T	As at December 2014	As at December 2015	As at December 2016
NSW	61,381	80,138	76,580
VIC	112,440	141,643	155,499
QLD	74,101	99,419	116,902
WA	12,486	6,677	8,483
SA	33,837	33,841	38,744
TAS	13,100	9,340	8,292
ACT	860	1,408	1,579
NT	3,124	3,092	3,838
TOTAL	311,329	375,558	409,917

* States report on waiting lists differently and therefore a comparison between the jurisdiction should be avoided.