

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Aged Care Assessments

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Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

Senator POLLEY: So you are saying the median length of time for South Australia for high priority is six days—

Ms Buffinton: No, that is for all assessments.

Senator POLLEY: And you cannot give me the figures broken down for the priority of high, medium and low care? Can you take that on notice, then?

Ms Buffinton: I can take that on notice, but I can see that they are surpassing their KPI for high care.

Answer:

The median time for an assessment in South Australia to be completed following a referral to the Aged Care Assessment Team in the second quarter of 2016-17 (October to December 2016) is six days.

The median performance nationally for high priority is two days, medium priority is four days and low priority is 24 days.