

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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

**Ref No:** SQ17-000831

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

**Topic:** ACAT and RAS Assessments - Wait Times

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

**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

Can you verify the attached data regarding time from assessment referral issued to assessment complete? Can you provide this data as mean averages? Can you provide update data (mean and median) for 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017? Or, if unavailable the most current data available?

**Answer:**

The data attached matches data the Department of Health extracted from the Aged Care Data Warehouse in May 2017.

In accordance with the Australian Bureau of Statistics advice, the Department uses the median average as the most relevant statistical measure for averages as it is less subject to data variance than the mean average. SQ17-000833 includes the mean averages for this data.

Jurisdictions and assessment organisations are required to provide the Department with six monthly performance reports. The next reporting period is January to June 2017, which will then be subject to a validation process.