

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: BED SPACES

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Senator Siewert asked:

As at 30 June 2010:

- a) What is the proportion of allocated residential places that have been converted to community care places by state and nationally?
- b) What is the proportion of operational aged care places in each state?
- c) What is the number and the percentage of the national total of allocated places that are not operational by state?
- d) How many provisionally allocated places have lapsed and how many have been relinquished?

Answer:

a) See Table 1 below. Please note there have been no Exchange of Care Type submissions for community care places approved in the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory, South Australia or Tasmania from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

Table 1. Residential places converted to community care places from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 by state and nationally

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	Western Australia	Nationally
Proportion of operational residential places converted to community care (CACP and EACH)	0.032%	0.015%	0.057%	0.096%	0.033%*

*Total proportion is inclusive of operational residential places in the ACT, NT, SA and TAS.

b) and c) See Table 2.

Table 2. Operational and provisional places as proportions of all allocated aged care places by State/Territory as at 30 June 2010

State/ Territory	% of allocated places that are operational	Provisional places	% of allocated places that are provisional	Total allocated places
NSW	91	7,900	9	88,478
Vic	93	4,890	7	65,455
Qld	91	4,415	9	47,354
WA	90	2,309	10	23,343
SA	96	969	4	22,539
Tas	93	464	7	6,586
ACT	87	444	13	3,304
NT	95	71	5	1,567
Australia	92	16,985	8	258,626

* Places that are not yet operational are referred to as provisional places and includes off-line places.

*These figures include all places: residential; community; transition care; Multi-Purpose Services; Innovative Care and places under the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Program.

d) From the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 there were 140 provisionally allocated residential places that lapsed or were relinquished.