

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-278

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: ANNUAL STOCKTAKE OF AGED CARE PLACES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Has the Department completed the annual stocktake of the industry as at 30 June 2010?
- b) If so please provide a complete set of the information flowing from the stocktake?
- c) Does the stocktake show the average number of occupied beds across the industry?
- d) If so, please provide this data by national state-territory and region including the trend data for the past five years?
- e) Does the stocktake show the number of places approved but not yet on-line?
- f) If so, please provide this data on a national state-territory and region basis by allocated service type?
- g) Does the stocktake drill down into the assessed category of each resident?
- h) If not, please advise where this information is available?

Answers:

- a) Yes.
- b) Please see Attachment A for a completed list of all stocktake data tables.
- c) and d)
The stocktake does not collect information about occupancy of aged care places.
- e) No, but this information can be derived from the figures contained in the stocktake.
- f) See Table at Attachment B for a breakdown of all provisionally allocated places by state/territory, regional and care type.
- g) No.
- h) Information about assessed categories of residents can be found in annual publications such as the Report on Government Services and the Report on the *Aged Care Act 1997*. These publications have information on the numbers of high and low care residents, their average annual cost and the utilisation of places.