

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-289

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: AGED CARE FUNDING INSTRUMENT

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Is the department able to provide data as to the number of people in care who have an assessment of depression, dementia, psychosis, Alzheimer's or other mental health or cognitive impairment diagnosis?
- b) If not how and where can this type of data be obtained?

Answer:

- a) A range of diagnostic information is collected by aged care homes as part of appraising the care needs of residents under the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) to help determine the level of care subsidy that is payable. In analysing this data it should be noted that diagnostic information are submitted on a voluntary basis and therefore the information supplied for individual residents may not be complete. Available data as at 30 June 2010 indicates there were 133,221 residents in care for whom a diagnosis had been recorded under the one or more of the following diagnosis codes, representing 82% of all residents with ACFI assessments at that date:
 - 500 Dementia, Alzheimer's disease including early onset, late onset, atypical or mixed type or unspecified
 - 510 Vascular dementia e.g. multi-infarct, subcortical, mixed
 - 520 Dementia in other diseases e.g. Pick's Disease, Creutzfeldt-Jakob, Huntington's, Parkinson's, HIV
 - 530 Other dementias e.g. Lewy Body, alcoholic dementia, unspecified
 - 540 Delirium
 - 550A Depression, mood and affective disorders, Bi-Polar
 - 550B Psychoses e.g. schizophrenia, paranoid states
 - 560 Neurotic, stress related, anxiety, somatoform disorders e.g. post traumatic stress disorder, phobic and anxiety disorders, nervous tension/stress, obsessive-compulsive disorder
 - 570 Intellectual and developmental disorders e.g. intellectual disability or disorder, autism, Rhetts's syndrome, Asperger's syndrome etc
 - 580 Other mental and behavioural disorders e.g. due to alcohol or psychoactive substances (includes alcoholism, Korsakov's psychosis), adult personality and behavioural disorders
 - 1716 Disorientation (confusion)
 - 1717 Amnesia (memory disturbance, lack or loss)
- b) Not Applicable - See a) above.