

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-294

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE CARE

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

a) Please provide details, if available, of the number of people accessing residential or community aged care from a culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

In relation to Partners in Culturally Appropriate Care, please advise:

b) The process and criteria for obtaining a grant.

c) The current list of organisations, persons or services that have been allocated grants.

d) When those grants lapse.

e) Recipients of grants since 2007.

f) The accountability process associated with the grants including reporting obligations.

Answers:

a) The Australian Government recognises that older people who come from a culturally and linguistically diverse background may have particular cultural and identified care needs.

As at 30 June 2010, the Department's data shows that of the 162,586 residents, 15,759 people with a preferred language other than English were in permanent residential care.

People with a preferred language other than English who accessed community aged care, such as Community Aged Care Packages (CACP), Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) and Extended Aged Care at Home with Dementia (EACHD), totals 7,412 or 15.6 per cent of the total number of aged Australians accessing community aged care packages.

b) The Department complies with Australian Government policies and principles outlined in the *Financial Management Accountability Act 1997* (FMA) and the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines (CGG), which set out the procedures to follow when undertaking grant rounds. Criteria for obtaining a grant are included in the Program Guidelines and tender documentation.

c) There are 8 Partners in Culturally Appropriate Care Project (PICAC) organisations, one in each state and territory. The current PICAC organisations are:

VIC - Anglican Aged Care Service Group
QLD – Ethnic Communities Council Queensland Ltd. Diversicare
SA - Multicultural Aged Care
WA - Independent Living Centre
NT - Council on the Ageing (NT) Inc.
ACT - ACT Health PICAC
NSW - Sydney South West Area Health Service
TAS - Migrant Resource Centre

d) The current funding agreements expire on 30 June 2011.

e) Since 2007 the recipients of PICAC grants are:

Sydney South West Area Health Service
Anglican Aged Care Service Group
Ethnic Communities Council Queensland Ltd. Diversicare
Multicultural Aged Care
Independent Living Centre
Migrant Resource Centre
Council on the Ageing (NT) Inc.
ACT Health
Department of Health WA

f) Consistent with the FMA Act and the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines the organisations are required to submit 6 monthly performance and expenditure progress reports. In addition, Annual Financial Statements and end of project performance reports are required as detailed in the Funding Agreement with each funded organisation.