

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-298

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: TRANSITION CARE PLACES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In relation to transition care places, please advise:

- a) The current number of operational places
- b) Where are they located?
- c) Where will the additional transition care places referred to at p.196 of the PBS be located?
- d) What is the criteria for allocation of places? Where is it located. Please provide a copy.

Answer:

a and b)

The operational transition care places as at 30 September 2010 are detailed in the table below.

State/ Territory	Total Number of Places
NSW	1083
VIC	743
QLD	533
SA	250
WA	253
TAS	97
ACT	45
NT	29
TOTAL	3033

- c) The additional 316 places allocated for 2010-11, but not yet operational (as at 30 September 2010) are detailed in the table below.

State/ Territory	Total Number of Places
NSW	73
VIC	94
QLD	73
SA	39
WA	33
TAS	0
ACT	4
NT	0
TOTAL	316

The allocation for 2011-2012 will not be determined until March 2011.

- d) The criteria for allocating places are contained in the *COAG Implementation Plan for the Transition Care Initiative*.

The distribution of transition care places between states and territories are based on a set of principles by the Transition Care Working Group. These principles include:

- reference to the number of people aged 70 years and over and the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years and over;
- the need to allocate a minimum number of places per jurisdiction to ensure viable services;
- the capacity to make additional transition care places operational;
- and the availability of additional resources for transition care and other aspects of the hospital-aged care interface.