

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 7: Hearing Services

Topic: HEARING SERVICES IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA

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Senator McKenzie asked:

Could you please provide the following data on hearing services in regional Australia.

- a) The number of regional Australians accessing the Australian Government's Hearing Services Program.
- b) The number of sites registered to provide services under the Hearing Services Program.
- c) How many of these sites are located outside of capital cities.
- d) The number of people receiving hearing services.
- e) The number of people receiving hearing services who are located outside of capital cities.

Answer:

The following information has been produced using the Australian Standard Geographic Classification Remoteness Area definitions (ASGC-RA). Note that all geographical areas outside major cities were classified as regional. It was not possible to separately identify clients outside of capital cities only using the ASGC-RA.

- a) 226,370 clients located in regional areas accessed the Australian Government Hearing Services Program in 2010-11.
- b) 2,230 business sites were registered to provide services under the Hearing Services Voucher Program in 2010/11.
- c) 937 registered business sites were located outside of capital cities in 2010-11.
- d) 599,581 clients received hearing services in 2010-11.
- e) 226,370 clients located outside of major cities received hearing services in 2010-11.