

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-366

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION REPORT FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Are the community conversations published on the Aged Care Conversations website publicised in any other way?
- b) How many more conversations are planned and where will they be held?
- c) On average, how many people are in attendance?

Answer:

- a) In addition to the Minister's blog, information is provided to consumers, carers and service providers by direct contact through the Council on the Ageing and Alzheimer Australia's substantial membership and consumer networks including:
  - Carers Australia;
  - Association of Independent Retirees;
  - Legacy;
  - Returned and Service League;
  - National Seniors Australia;
  - Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association NSW (and interstate affiliates);
  - GLBTI Alliance;
  - Palliative Care Australia;
  - Federation of Ethnic Communities Council; and
  - Generation One.

b) Current confirmed conversations as at 30 November 2011 are as follows:

<b>Ent Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Acacia Ridge, QLD	Thursday 20 October 2011
Adelaide, SA	Tuesday 25 October 2011
Woodville, SA	Wednesday 26 October 2011
Canberra, ACT	Tuesday 8 November 2011
Berwick, VIC	Wednesday 9 November 2011
Deception Bay, QLD	Thursday 10 November 2011
Tamworth, NSW	Tuesday 15 November 2011
Rockhampton, QLD	Tuesday 6 December 2011
Mackay, QLD	Wednesday 7 December 2011
Rockingham, WA	Tuesday 13 December 2011
Victoria Park, WA	Wednesday 14 December 2011
Warwick, WA	Wednesday 14 December 2011
Fremantle, WA	Thursday 15 December 2011

Further events are planned. Information on these events will be made available on the Minister's blog as they are confirmed.

- c) The average number of attendees is estimated at:
- metropolitan locations 141 attendees per event; and
  - regional locations 75 attendees per event.

These numbers are based on invitations accepted for each event as participants are not required to sign an attendance record on arrival.