

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 3

**Question No:** 406

**Topic:** Aged Care Approvals Round

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**Senator Polley** asked:

- (a) When is the Aged Care Approvals Round going to be announced?
- (b) In respect of allocated versus operational bed licenses - what are the number of allocated bed licenses that are yet to be developed?
- (c) When were the outstanding bed licenses allocated?
- (d) Has the Department taken back any bed licenses from providers?
- (e) Can the Department allocate these bed licences outside of the ACAR process?

**Answer:**

- (a) The results of the 2014 Aged Care Approvals Round were announced on 4 December 2014.
- (b) and (c) The number of provisionally allocated places as at 30 June 2014, and the original year of allocation are as follows:

<b>ACAR Year of allocation</b>	<b>Provisionally allocated residential care places as at 30 June 2014</b>
2013	6,942
2011	5,620
2009	3,248
2008	2,332
2007	1,417
2006	602
2005	538
2004	323
2003	17
2002	8
<b>Total places</b>	<b>21,047*</b>

Source: 2014 National Stocktake of Aged Care Places

\*Excludes flexible places of which there are currently 28

(d) Yes.

(e) The *Aged Care Act 1997* contains provisions for the Secretary to waive the requirements of the ACAR process for allocation of aged care places in exceptional circumstances.