

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Aged Care Funding Instrument

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Question:

- a) Over the 10 years to 30 June 2016, how many ACFI claims have been downgraded through the validation process each year and in each state/territory?
- b) How many of these downgrades have been appealed and what percentage of these appeals were successful?
- c) What was the value over all of these successful appeals?

Answer:

- a) Since the Aged Care Funding Instrument (ACFI) was introduced in 2008, the number of ACFI review downgrades has been:

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	Aust
2008-09	426	239	120	90	131	19	1	15	1,041
2009-10	1,442	1,033	214	380	508	59	12	25	3,673
2010-11	1,566	928	387	303	369	76	22	97	3,748
2011-12	1,522	544	493	213	457	73	29	54	3,385
2012-13	1,593	555	434	116	409	117	41	82	3,347
2013-14	1,164	831	413	256	326	218	26	53	3,287
2014-15	826	518	382	175	256	175	21	17	2,370
2015-16	1,031	345	510	194	222	164	0	34	2,500

- b) Approved providers requested ACFI review reconsiderations for 1,620 of these downgrades and 45 per cent of these reconsiderations resulted in the ACFI claim returning to the approved provider's classification decision.
- c) The administrative burden of calculating the overall value of the ACFI review reconsiderations that returned to the approved provider's classification decision would be very significant. Undertaking this task would require interrogation of systems to conduct an historical recount of ACFI subsidy changes from 728 reconsideration outcomes over the eight years the ACFI has operated, including changes in ACFI subsidy rates and appraisals over time.