

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Home Care

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

- a) Has the Government got any plans to make the waiting lists for home care more transparent?
- b) If so, please outline them.

Answer:

a) b)
The Government intends to publish information on the number of consumers waiting for home care and the estimated wait times to receive a package. This will provide consumers with an expectation of when a package may become available. Due to expected variation in wait times in the initial months after the introduction of the national prioritisation system, public reporting of wait times will not commence until the system has stabilised and there is an adequate level of reliability in the forecast figures.