

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 6 - Ageing and Aged Care

Topic: Residential aged care data

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

"Can you provide the number of providers, services, places and residents in residential aged care to 30 June 2016 and comparable data for each year since the commencement of the current ACFI model by ownership type, remoteness location and scale?

Can you provide the proportion of permanent residential aged care residents by age (under 70, 70-84, 85+), 2009-2016? Can you provide the average length of stay, by gender, state, remoteness and total 2009-2016?

Can you provide the average elapsed time (less than one week, less than one month, less than three months, less than six months, less than 12 months, more than 12 months) between receiving an assessment to enter residential aged care and entering care by state for 2009-2016?

Can you provide the residential aged care provider average EBITDA per resident per annum 2009-2016 by ownership type, remoteness location and scale?

Can you provide the residential aged care provider projected average EBITDA per resident per annum by ownership type, remoteness location and scale before and after the government's 2015-16 MYEFO and 2016 Budget measures?"

Answer:

Please see **Attachment A** a data file with 6 tabs answering these questions:

- Number of providers, services and places in residential aged care for the years requested (tab 1)
- Number of residents in residential aged care (tab 2)
- Proportion of permanent residential aged care residents by age group (tab 3)
- Average length of stay at discharge for permanent residents (tab 4)
- Proportion of permanent residents entering aged care by defined elapsed time periods (tabs 5 and 6).

For this request we have reported data back to 2008-09 where available. The ACFI was introduced from 20 March 2008. Therefore, data for the 2008-09 financial year represent the first full year since ACFI implementation.

Note that:

- Not all data are available and reportable at the level requested for all years examined
- The Department does not have a predetermined definition for “scale” of residential aged care, therefore data cannot be disaggregated by this factor.
- The Department does not have data for the gender of aged care recipients, but provided data for the sex of aged care recipients
- The Department does not have data for “average elapsed time”. It is known that these data would be heavily skewed by a small number of cases where elapsed time to enter care is very long. Therefore, for consistency with Report on Government Services reporting, we have provided median elapsed time.
- The Department does not have data for all the elapsed time periods requested (less than six months, less than 12 months) and have instead provided data for the time period the Department does have (less than nine months).

Please see **Attachment B** for EBITDA results for 2009 – 2015. Residential aged care providers are currently in the process of submitting their 2015-16 financial returns, therefore any analysis of the 2015-16 results is not expected to be available until April - May 2017. The Department does not undertake any forecasting relating to sector financial results.