

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 Packages data

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Polley, Helen

Question:

Can you provide annual data to 30 June 2016, and comparable data for each year since the commencement of the Home Care Packages Program by package level, state/territory and remoteness of: occupancy rate; total operational home care packages; new aged care package allocations; met demand of packages approved, unmet demand of packages approved; and the average length of time people approved for a home care package are operational before changing levels or exiting the package.

Answer:

The attached spreadsheet covers annual data to 30 June 2016, and comparable data for each year since the commencement of the Home Care Packages Program by package level, state/territory and remoteness of: occupancy rate; total operational home care packages; new aged care package allocations; and the average length of time people approved for a home care package are operational before changing levels of exiting the package.

Please note that the Department of Health does not collect data for met/unmet demand of packages approved.